

'Dead' Voters and Multiple Voting

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Multiple	Absentee				BOE	1				Yes	Logan	Oklahoma	24-Feb-01	primary	A man is charged with voting twice, once by absentee and once on election day. Although election board officials said they haven't seen a case like this in twenty years, they won't dismiss the charge.	Daily Oklahoman			
Multiple	Absentee			State						Yes		Oregon	11-Apr-02	2000 general	The Secretary of State has referred five cases of possible double voting to the Attorney General (Oregon votes entirely by mail)	AP			
Multiple	In person	Yes		State BOE					1 of 1200 accusations found legitimate	Accusations		Oregon	16-May-04	2000	Republicans claimed 1,200 Oregonians had registered in two counties and voted twice. But a state Elections Division investigation found that just a handful of voters were registered to vote in two counties and one had cast more than one ballot	AP			
Multiple	In person	Yes		BOE					Found Untrue			Oregon	1-Nov-04	presidential	The state Republican Chair claims in a news conference that he has uncovered six cases of people voting twice. The elections division immediately showed that five of the voters had only voted once, and the sixth case had immediately been caught by election workers.	The Oregonian			
Multiple	In person			BOE					Found Untrue		Pawtucket	Rhode Island	14-Jan-03	General Assembly	The Pawtucket Board of Canvassers determined there was no truth to the allegation that Louis C. Yip, owner of the China Inn restaurant and a well-known developer, had shepherded the same couple to two different polling places, getting them to vote twice. City Registrar of Voters Dawn M. McCormick said that when voting records were checked, it turned out that the couple that Yip was accused of getting to vote at Towers East and Kennedy Housing was actually two different couples, both elderly and Chinese.	Providence Journal Bulletin			
Multiple				BOE							Hamilton County	Tennessee	19-Dec-02	county commission	The county election commissioner said she believed people were using other names to vote and that addresses were changed fraudulently. Voters sign fail-safe affidavits when they change their addresses and their voting records have not yet been updated. Oaths of identity are signed when voters have no other form of identification. The commissioner said she questioned the validity of 11 oaths of identity and 68 fail-safe affidavits in the District 4 election.	Chattanooga Times Free Press			

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Dead				Press						Yes		Tennessee	14-Dec-05	state senate	A second dead voter cast a ballot in the September special election held to fill the seat vacated by former state senator John Ford. Like a similar case documented earlier this week, this one involves an elderly voter who died weeks before the Sept. 15 election, an investigation by The Commercial Appeal found. Both of the suspect votes occurred in Precinct 27-1, in the heart of heavily Democratic North Memphis. By law, health officials report deaths once a month to the state Election Commission, which then purges the dead from voter registration rolls. In that window of time - a month or so before the election - there's a good chance dead voters will remain on the rolls on Election Day.	Commercial Appeal			
Multiple		Yes							Found to be mistakes		Houston	Texas	25-Nov-04	state legislature	State legislator who lost by 32 votes alleges 32 people voted twice and 101 residents from other districts cast ballots	Austin American Statesman	Most of the allegations seem to be cases of innocent mistakes that may have been technically illegal but not fraud	Houston Chronicle (January 16, 2005)	
Multiple	In person			County						Yes	San Juan	Texas	12-May-05	city	The county is investigating three voters suspected of voting early and on election day	The Monitor			
Both						6				Yes	King	Washington	22-Jun-05	gubernatorial	criminal charges filed against six voters for allegedly casting more than one ballot under a variety of circumstances: two for casting ballots in the names of recently deceased spouses; mother and daughter charged with casting a ballot in the name of recently deceased mother's dead husband; one for casting a ballot in the name of someone who had lived at the same address and died; one using someone else's name	Seattle Times	See Washington summary		
Multiple		Yes				1				Yes	King	Washington	13-Oct-05	gubernatorial	Republican officials release the names of 16 people they say voted twice. One person is found to be two people with the same name but different birthdates. Two names were referred to the prosecutors office, files were charged against one.	Seattle Times			
Multiple										Yes	King	Washington	14-Oct-05	gubernatorial and local primary	Woman on Republican list under investigation for double voting	Seattle Times			
Multiple	Absentee							1			Appleton	Wisconsin	12-Jan-05	nonpartisan election	student who voted by absentee ballot and in person at college sentenced to probation	Post Crescent			

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Multiple		Yes			US Attorney				clerical errors		Milwaukee	Wisconsin	22-Aug-05	presidential	GOP claims there were nine cases where people voted in Milwaukee and another city. US Attorney says he found no fraud, but rather clerical errors.	Journal Sentinel			
Multiple	In person					1				Yes	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	21-Sep-05	presidential	Man charged with voting twice said he filled out two on-site registration cards by mistake but voted only once	Journal Sentinel			
Multiple							4				Milwaukee	Wisconsin	5-Dec-05	presidential	Four people charged with double voting; none convicted	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	see larger summary of Milwaukee		
Multiple											Laramie	Wyoming	2-Nov-04		Laramie County Clerks says there has never been any intentional double registration or double voting				
Multiple		Yes		State						Yes	national		23-Oct-02	presidential	RNC compiles a national database of 3,273 people who voted twice in 2000. In North Carolina, the first name on the list was the chair of the Assembly's election law committee, and the California Secretary of State says they will be able to refute the claims.	USA Today			

City / County	State	Date	Type of Election	Alleged Instance of fraud	Original Source	Source 1	Source 2	Source 3	Resolution of Incident / allegation	Source of Resolution 1	Source of Resolution 2
Jefferson County	Alabama	10-Jan-06	sheriff	Former sheriff and an attorney said in a federal criminal trial that they did not conspire to illegally run criminal history checks on absentee voters for the sheriff's election. Prosecutors say he started doing the check after he lost the election, while the sheriff says he did it to ferret out voter fraud	Birmingham News						
San Francisco	California	28-Nov-01	municipal	The Coast Guard found the lids to eight absentee ballot boxes floating in the bay, raising suspicions of tampering.	San Francisco Chronicle						
Compton	California	November 15, 2001; /11/16/2001	mayoral	Mayor Bradley accuses opponent of stuffing boxes with counterfeit ballots and having noncitizens vote	LA Times						
Broward	Florida	27-Jan-03	ohi	The lawyer for a board of elections employee said she discovered more than 500 unopened absentee ballots in the office mailroom two days after the election. According to the story she laid out to prosecutors, she notified her supervisor and was told there had been a mix-up and that the votes needed to disappear.	Brandenton Herald						
Detroit	Michigan	12-Nov-05	mayoral	Nearly 3000 votes were lost for two days as some were taken home by poll workers, others misplaced. Vote totals failed to add up correctly when the votes were restored.	Detroit Free Press						
Detroit	Michigan	26-Nov-05	mayoral	Detroit officials lost track of ballots in nine precincts and did not count them until two days after the polls closed; a poll worker took home two computer data packs containing ballot information and did not return them until the next day, leading to tampering allegations. Judge overseeing the recount orders more security for the ballots	Detroit Free Press						
Middlesex County	New Jersey	19-Jun-03	assembly primary	Assemblywoman Friscia's suit alleges that election workers told voters who to vote for; allowed two or three people to enter voting booths at the same time; permitted people to vote even though their home addresses and signatures did not match the elections register; allowed registered Republicans to vote in a Democratic primary; provided faulty voting machines; paid people to vote for Vas; allowed non-citizens to vote; refused to accept absentee ballots, and closed Friscia's own polling station in Woodbridge.	Home News Tribune						
Atlantic City	New Jersey	11-Nov-05	mayoral and city council	city council member accused of filing absentee ballot applications for 10 people without their authorization. The Attorney General charges councilman with 10 counts of tampering with public records and one count of hindering or preventing voting	AP						
Cleveland	Ohio	20-Jun-05	presidential	A Cleveland elections board employee is charged with changing the votes on ballots completed by five nursing home residents in favor of Bush	Yahoo News						

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Hamilton County	Tennessee	18-Jan-03	district primary	The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation searched the home of former Hamilton County Election Commission employee Rita Jones on Friday and seized an undis-closed number of documents. Ms. Jones, a 14-year employee of the Election Commission, was fired two days after the Nov. 5 general election when officials discovered a box of 189 ballots had not been counted on Election Day.	Chattanooga Times Free Press						
San Antonio	Texas	10-Dec-02	unclear	The county election administrator found that ballot counters switched ballots from Republican to Democrat	San Antonio Express News						
Alamo	Texas	15-Dec-03	county commission	A supporter of one of the candidates alleges that he saw the mayor in the city secretary's office going over a list of residents that showed who had voted and who had not and that there were open mail-in ballots in front of them	The Monitor						
Ector County	Texas	15-Dec-04	county commission	On Election Day, Republican David Dunn had one more vote than his opponent for an Ector County commission seat. After a recount, he lost by a vote. He filed a lawsuit Tuesday accusing opponent Barbara Graff and elections administrator Sharon Wilson of election fraud. He accused Graff of ballot tampering during the recount, claiming she or her supporters doctored tally sheets. Wilson mishandled the recount, tossing out two duplicate ballots for Dunn, according to the suit.	AP						
Forney	Texas	13-Dec-05	mayoral	A judge found that votes cast by several people, including City Council member Andy Parker, could not be found in the ballot box. Mr. Parker testified during the seven-day trial that he had used ballot No. 331, but the No. 331 in the box did not match the way he voted. In all, 165 people testified that they had voted early for Mr. Wilson, while just 152 early votes were counted for him - something Judge Kupper called an "irreconcilable discrepancy." The Sheriff's Department is investigating	Dallas Morning News						
Salt Lake	Utah	20-Nov-02	County Council	County clerk candidate writes a letter to the Attorney General alleging altering of vote counts	Salt Lake Tribune						
King	Washington	26-May-05	gubernatorial	An election administrator admitted she falsified a report to make it appear that all absentee ballots were accounted for. It later proved inaccurate when workers discovered 95 unopened, uncounted absentee ballots in a warehouse. Republicans say of the 96 ballots, 47 came from Rossi districts and 28 Gregoire. Gregoire won four of the five King County precincts that recorded more votes than voters. Rossi won four of the six King County precincts that recorded more voters than votes. Republicans claim this proves ballot boxes were stuffed in precincts that favored Gregoire and ballots vanished in precincts favoring Rossi.	News Tribune					See Washington summary -- judge eventually found no fraud	

	Washingt on	30-May-05	gubernat orial	Republican attorneys allege King County election officials committee fraud by allowing illegal ballots in Democratic districts, ballot box stuffing and thefts of votes from the Republican candidate	The Olympian						
King	Washingt on		24-May-05	gubernatorial GOP lawyer contends claim that the Democrats rigged the election by stuffing ballot boxes in the Democrat's two strongest precincts and by "losing" votes in two of the Republican's strongest precincts.	AP						

Los Angeles	California	7-Feb-03	neighborh ood council	In the 2002 election two candidates had to be physically removed from the polling place, one for allegedly attempting to steal ballots. Charges of fraud and improprieties included photocopying ballots and stuffing ballot boxes. 135 more ballots than stakeholders were cast. After investigating, the city found no cause to dismiss the election and the League of Women Voters did not find any stuffing of the ballot boxes.	LA Weekly						
Durham	North Carolina	29-Mar-04	city council	poll worker adds ballots -- state board investigates but does not recommend criminal charges, Instead recommending that the poll judges in that precinct step down	Herald Sun						
Gaston	North Carolina	16-Dec-04	presidenti al	There are differences in most precincts between the number of ballots cast and the number of people recorded as voting. State investigators have concluded there is no way to rule out double voting or missing votes because poll workers cannot explain the discrepancies. More than 13,000 votes were omitted from the county's unofficial results, including 1,200 votes from a Dallas precinct and about 12,000 early votes.	Charlotte Observer						

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										Phillips	Arkansas	2-Nov-02	primary	The sanitation director for Helena, the Phillips County seat, admitted in court to illegally casting more than 25 absentee ballots in the Democratic primary in May.	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette			
										South Gate	California	28-Jan-03	Treasurer and city council recall	Supporters of the recall, which is being led by the city's two police unions, say city employees have been illegally filling out absentee ballots against the recall.	Los Angeles Times			
Forgery-Dead										Bridgeport	Connecticut	6-Sep-02		Election officials found an absentee ballot application for someone who is dead	Connecticut Post			
			Federal		2					Bridgeport and New Haven	Connecticut	4-Nov-02	probate judge	FBI is investigating potential absentee ballot fraud in Bridgeport Democratic primary and two men face absentee ballot charges involving 2 New Haven primaries	Connecticut Post			
Coercion					1				Yes	Hartford	Connecticut	12-Aug	state legislature	former state representative is charged with seven counts of absentee ballot fraud for absentee ballot coercion in a particular apartment complex	Hartford Courant			
Ineligible			BOE						Yes	Bridgeport	Connecticut	3-Dec-03	town committee	The elections commission wants four brothers to be charged with fraudulent voting for allegedly submitting illegal absentee ballots in the March 2002 Democratic Town Committee primary. The commission alleges that none of the brothers lived in Bridgeport when they voted in those city elections.	Connecticut Post			
Ineligible									Yes	Smyrna	Delaware	3-Aug-05	town	A challenger to the mayor who lost by 2 votes is suing the mayor for personally delivering absentee ballots to minority residents, some of whom were not eligible to vote	The News Journal			
Forgery-Unknown					4				Yes	Winter Garden	Florida	5-Mar-02	city commissioner	Four are charged with forging names on absentee ballots	AP			
Forgery-Other Voters			BOE						Yes	Volusia	Florida	3-Oct-03	city	Elections officials inquire into 43 absentee ballot request forms with the wrong date of birth and 3 requests with forged signatures	Orlando Sentinel			
Ineligible					1				Yes	Winter Haven	Florida	6-Jan-04	town	criminal complaint filed against woman for voting by absentee ballot when she did not live in the district	Polk Online			

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Coercion			County					Special Prosecutor found no determination of fraud		Hialeah	Florida	21-Mar-04	city council	Miami-Dade public corruption detectives fanned across Hialeah on Friday, questioning employees of the city's public housing agency, as well as friends and relatives of politicians aligned with Mayor Raul Martinez. Sources close to the investigation say those interviewed were asked about their alleged handling of absentee ballots gathered from voters - many of them elderly - in the city's public housing units.	Miami Herald	A special state prosecutor said he found no evidence of election fraud after a yearlong investigation of absentee voting at the Hialeah Housing Authority during that city's 2003 elections	Miami Herald, May 11, 2005	
Mishandling			Grand Jury							Orlando	Florida	5-Mar-05	mayoral	A grand jury is investigating the possible mishandling of absentee ballots by a minority voting advocate who has worked for many campaigns	Orlando Sentinel	All charges are dropped. Democrats allege the whole case was politically motivated; Florida prosecutors dropped a case charging the mayor with paying a campaign worker to collect absentee ballots. Three others indicted on the same charge were also cleared.	April 21, 2005 Orlando Sentinel	April 21, 2005, The New York Times
Coercion		Yes								Cook	Illinois	15-Mar-02	state	ACORN alleges that a man went to a senior citizen home and voted the seniors' absentee ballots	Chicago Sun-Times			
Coercion				Court				Election thrown out		Calumet City	Illinois	3-Sep-03	mayoral	A county judge threw out and reversed an election because of absentee coercion of disabled voters	Chicago Tribune			
Other Voters			DA						Yes	Marion	Indiana	1-Nov-02	county	The county prosecutor is investigating absentee ballots in which signatures don't match, voter's names were misspelled, and correction fluid was used to change the address	Indianapolis Star			
			State Police						Yes	Madison	Indiana	29-Apr-03	primary	State police are investigating whether Democratic primary absentee ballots were delivered to nursing homes that traditionally vote Republican	Herald Bulletin			
Forgery-Voters Who Moved			County						Yes	Lake	Indiana	11-Jul-03	town	Allegations are made of absentee ballots from voters who moved and forged signatures by one person. Case will be heard by a county judge	Northwest Indiana News			
Ineligible			BOE						Yes	Porter	Indiana	31-Mar-04	town	Elections board investigates allegations that two ineligible voters voted by absentee ballots	Northwest Indiana News			

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Forgery-Dead				Court					Yes	East Chicago	Indiana	23-Jun-04	mayoral	The Indiana Supreme Court is considering whether to order a special mayoral election. The losing candidate claims he would have won if not for hundreds of fraudulent absentee votes cast for his opponent, including some cast on behalf of dead voters	AP			
Mishandling/Ineligible					3				Yes	Anderson	Indiana	11-Dec-04	mayoral	The longtime Democratic Party chairman in Madison County is accused of illegally delivering absentee ballots cast by two Anderson residents. Another man is accused of 17 Class D felony charges for allegedly registering absentee voters, then telling them how to vote and picking up their ballots. A woman is accused of completing an absentee ballot in September 2003 that listed an address where she did not live.	Indianapolis Star			
Multiple				Court	4			Court invalidates 155 ballots	Yes	East Chicago	Indiana	August 6, 2003, August 8, 2003	mayoral primary	It is alleged that city workers were asked to vote absentee, acquire absentee applications, and given paid election day positions for bringing in absentee votes	Northwest Indiana News	four people indicted, one for receiving absentee ballots for people ineligible to vote, one for failing to appear before the grand jury, and two for voter fraud and lying to the grand jury; county judges tosses out 155 absentee ballots but this does not change the election outcome; DOJ begins investigating	WISH TV, November 18, 2003; Northwest Indiana Times, January 21, 2004	
Coercion			Police						Yes		Maine	13-Feb-04	state house	Police have begun investigating allegations that elderly voters were pressured into casting absentee ballots for a Green Independent candidate in Maine's special election. Chief Roger Beaupre said Thursday his department has received 10 complaints of voter intimidation from elderly voters who were told votes for candidates other than Green Independent candidate Dorothy Lafortune did not count.	AP			
Coercion			State Police							River Rouge	Michigan	4-Apr-01	mayoral	state police investigating absentee coercion in a senior apartment building	Yahoo News			

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Multiple			Federal	Court					Yes	Detroit	Michigan	8-Nov-05	mayoral	A lawsuit alleges the City Clerk's assistants have allowed voters to fill out ballots in group settings, didn't sign their names on ballot envelopes and advertised their services in nursing homes. She also sent 130,000 unsolicited absentee ballot applications defying a court order.	Detroit Free Press	County Circuit Court judge ruled the Clerk violated the law; There is an election contest and a federal investigation involving irregularities with absentee ballots.	November 9, 2005 Detroit Free Press; November 24, 2005 Detroit Free Press	
Coercion	Yes								Yes	Houston	Mississippi	10-Nov-05	mayoral	Candidate files a complaint alleging 59 absentee ballots are questionable. He produced a letter from two elderly absentee voters saying they were given plates of food in exchange for allowing his opponent to fill out their ballots.	AP			
N/A	Yes										Missouri	19-Sep-04	gubernatorial	The state Democratic Party accused Republicans of coercion when they asked county clerks to send the names of people who had requested absentee ballots	AP			
			State/Federal						Yes	East St. Louis	Missouri	5-Jan-05	city	Investigations by the state attorney and the FBI into unspecified absentee ballot fraud	Post Dispatch			
			Federal						Yes	Tonopah	Nevada	23-Oct-02	local general and primary election	The FBI investigates questionable absentee ballot requests	Pahrump Valley Times			
Forgery-Other Voters					1				Yes	Las Vegas	Nevada	28-Apr-03	assembly	Man is indicted because he voted other people's ballots using absentee voter forms for people who lived outside the district.	AP			
Coercion	Yes									Atlantic City	New Jersey	31-Oct-01	Mayoral	Mayor Whelan's campaign has alleged that street operatives for the mayor's challenger, Councilman Lorenzo Langford, tricked voters into requesting absentee ballots and then went to their homes to bully them into filling the ballots out for Langford. The Whelan campaign has also alleged that Langford has stockpiled absentee ballots to fill out fraudulently. The Langford campaign yesterday denounced Whelan's actions as a means of suppressing voter rights and said it would file a federal civil-rights lawsuit this week.	Philadelphia Inquirer			

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Multiple			State						Yes	Palisades Park	New Jersey	6-Nov-02		The Deputy Attorney General said in a court filing that the prosecutor is investigating four types of irregularities: "1) improprieties in the manner in which voters requested absentee ballots; 2) instances where the voter has stated that they received assistance in voting but that fact is not noted on the voter certification; 3) instances where the absentee ballot was delivered to the Board of Elections by a person other than the one to whom the voter gave the ballot; 4) instances where the voter gave an unmarked ballot to another person."	The Record	276 absentee ballots from the 2002 election in Palisades Park are still impounded in the office of Patricia DiCostanzo, the Bergen County superintendent of elections.	October 4, 2004, The Record	
Forgery			BOE						Yes	Atlantic City	New Jersey	9-Jul-03	county primary	Board of elections requests an inquiry into alleged forged absentee ballots	Atlantic County News			
Coercion/Forgery			Federal						Yes	Passaic	New Jersey	22-Sep-04	county	The FBI is investigating charges that voters targeted by a Democratic campaign had their signatures forged or had been pressured or misled into voting absentee	Heral News (Passaic)			
Forgery-Other Voters											New Jersey	4-Oct-04		In the city of Passaic, three dozen voters claimed they'd been victims of absentee ballot fraud in 2003.	The Record			
Coercion				Court					Yes	Albany County	New York	8-Mar-04	special primaries	131 absentee ballots were delivered by a ward leader, leading to vague allegations of coercion. All absentee ballots and machines impounded under a court order	Albany Times Union			
				Court				140 ballots thrown out		Albany County	New York	10-Mar-04	county legislative	One person filled in more than 140 signed absentee ballot applications, and there were other administrative errors in absentee ballot distribution and return. The candidates made a deal before the judge ruled on the case to have a special election; the absentee ballots are not counted	Albany Times Union			
		DA							Yes	Haskell	Oklahoma	7-Nov-02	district attorney	An absentee ballot scandal is being investigated in Haskell County, where one man allegedly admitted notarizing 42 absentee ballots without having the voters present while another man helped him, the District Attorney said.	Daily Oklahoman			
Coercion										Providence	Rhode Island	23-Aug-02	mayoral	Elderly woman says strangers coerced her into giving them her ballot	Providence Journal-Bulletin			

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Multiple										Senate District 30	South Carolina	27-Sep-04	state senate primary	A person with connections to the Williams campaign nicknamed "The Voter Man" convinced elderly voters, some living in residential care facilities, to fill out absentee ballot registration forms. Some say they never received a ballot, even though records indicate a ballot was cast in their names. * At least one staff member at a Mullins care facility said non-communicative Alzheimer's patients were coaxed into casting absentee ballots. * Another person with ties to the Williams campaign turned in nearly 60 absentee ballots to election officials, many from elderly voters. While not technically illegal, the volume of absentee votes raised eyebrows within the Norwood campaign. As a result of suspected fraud the party ordered a new election and the cases are being criminally investigated.	The State			
			State Federal			1					South Dakota	20-Oct-02	state wide	several counties forward questionable absentee ballot requests	Angus Leader	October 25, 2002: Red Earth Villeda, a former Democratic contractor is investigated; October 27, 2002: State and federal agents target 25 South Dakota counties; October 31, 2002: no illegally cast ballots are found (see South Dakota summary)	Argus Leader	
Forgery-Unknown			DA						Yes	Shannon	South Dakota	30-Oct-04	presidential	The prosecutor in Fall River County says he will investigate possible multiple voting by absentee ballot. The multiple ballots were cast by fewer than 10 people	AP			

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										Sioux Falls	South Dakota	2-Nov-04	senatorial	Three former Republican notary publics pled guilty to signing absentee ballots without witnessing the signatures. Three other former GOP workers are charged, as is one Daschle staff person accused of not being present for two notary applications. Officials say none of the incidents affected any votes	AP	A fourth former employee of the South Dakota Republican Party's get-out-the-vote operation has pleaded guilty to improperly notarizing absentee-ballot re-quests, and another who had pleaded not guilty will appear in court next week to change his plea. Six workers for the GOP Victory effort resigned last month after questions surfaced about some absentee-ballot applications collected at college campuses across the state. Charges were filed after officials said the workers notarized applications collected by other workers, violating a state law that requires notaries to witness documents being signed before they can give them their official seal.	November 4, 2004, Argus Leader	
Coercion	Yes									Dallas	Texas	10-May-01	district council	Both candidates accuse the other of manipulating the absentee ballot votes of senior citizens	Dallas Observer			
Forgery-Other Voters					1				Yes	Dallas	Texas	16-May-01	city council	Several affidavits alleging mail-in voter fraud have been submitted to the Dallas County district attorney's office, according to election officials. But prosecutors have declined to comment about whether those allegations, or any others, would result in a criminal complaint.	Dallas Morning News	A voter fraud investigation has resulted in the indictment of a Dallas woman who is accused of filling out a mail-in ballot in May without the voter's permission, a Dallas prosecutor said Tuesday.	February 13, 2002, Fort Worth Star Telegram	
Forgery										Dallas	Texas	27-Jul-02	district council	A candidate for the council alleged three campaign workers spent Friday reviewing mail-in ballots and applications for the ballots and found at least 69 that they believe might have forged signatures on either document.	Fort Worth Star-Telegram			
Forgery-Unknown			DA						Yes	Dallas	Texas	22-Apr-03	city council	A candidate submitted 12 absentee ballot applications with forged signatures. The DA is investigating.	Dallas Morning News			

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Forgery-Other Voters					17		5			Hearne	Texas	18-Oct-03	municipal	Man fined and sentenced to five years probation for voting in the names of three dozen other people by absentee ballot. He is the fifth person to plead guilty to similar charges brought by a grand jury in August. 17 were indicted.	Houston Chronicle			
Forgery-Unknown					30				Yes	Hearne	Texas	28-Dec-03	mayoral	30 people were indicted for forged absentee ballot applications and sending in multiple absentee ballots	Star Telegram			
Forgery-Unknown/Dead/Other Voters					5					El Paso	Texas	12-Feb-04	water board	Several mail in ballot requests appeared to be filled out by the same person and a few were in the names of dead people. A precinct chairwoman was charged with four counts of tampering with government records	Assoc Press	Five people have been charged with sending in absentee ballot applications in the names of other people	2/13/2004, El Paso Times	
Multiple										Hidalgo	Texas	3-Mar-04	miscellaneous, from congress to judge's race	Complaints were made to the Board of Elections against workers for several campaigns of irregularities concerning absentee ballots, including coercion of elderly voters, a complaint that someone requested an absentee ballot for a dead voter, four people said their ballots were already sealed when they received them, and a voter whose absentee ballot that was sent elsewhere	The Monitor			
Forgery-Dead			DA						Yes	Bexar	Texas	25-Mar-04	congressional	The names of 42 deceased people, most of whom lived on the South Side, appeared on applications for mail-in ballots that were submitted to election officials for the primaries. A computer at the Bexar County elections office flagged the applications and the district attorney's office is investigating. No ballots appear to have been sent to a dead person as a result of the applications, election officials have said. However, the applications were cited by Henry Cuellar - a Democratic candidate for the District 28 congressional seat who lost by 145 votes - as one of several concerns that persuaded him to call for a recount this week. The list of applicants includes next-door neighbors, people who never voted when they were alive, and two who died in 1988.	San Antonio Express-News			

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														All but one bear the deceased's correct voter registration number. Each had the correct address and voting precinct, and all indicated the voter was older than 65, which is one of the reasons individuals may obtain a mail-in ballot. But whoever filled out many of the applications didn't alter his or her handwriting on the forms, all of which supposedly were done by the individual voters. Two batches of the falsified documents show clear similarities.				
Coercion										South San Antonio	Texas	23-May-04		Elderly voters complain of "vote brokering" whereby "coyotes" pressure them into voting by absentee ballot. Investigators have looked into this in the past, and there has only been one conviction of someone pressuring others to vote absentee.	San Antonio Express-News			
Forgery-Dead			DA						Yes	Robstown	Texas	27-May-04	school district	The District Attorney requested a recount of ballots because of many complaints of people filing mail-in ballots sent to homes of people who have died. One of the candidates says that in one instance a wife mailed in the ballot of her husband who just died, and another was a son's vote being mistaken for the father's because they had the same name.	Corpus Christi Caller-Times			

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Multiple			Police		5				Yes	Falfurrias	Texas	11-Sep-04	city	After a May 26 recount, Jaime received 501 votes and Martinez wound up with 500 votes. In June, Martinez filed an election contest in district court claiming that "numerous co-conspirators" obtained votes by instructing the voters to cast their ballots for particular candidates. But a criminal investigation into voting violations started before voters cast the final ballots, according to a police report. So far, the criminal investigation has resulted in five felony and one misdemeanor indictments: Santiago Vela was indicted on a bribery charge; Armando Gonzalez, Vanessa Kiser and Roel Mireles were indicted on illegal voting charges; Magdalena Saenz was indicted on an unlawful delivery of a voting certificate charge. One woman, Milma Quintanilla, was indicted on a misdemeanor charge for allegedly filling out a mail-in ballot for a voter without permission.	Corpus Christi Caller-Times			
	Yes									Houston	Texas	11-Nov-05	mayoral	Candidate alleges that 64 of the 579 absentee ballots cast in the primary are questionable.	AP			
Tampering			Police							Hidalgo	Texas	2004, March 6,	primary	Texas Rangers investigate tampering with mail ballots by "politiqueras"	The Monitor			
Coercion					1				Yes	Gate City	Virginia	2-Aug-05	mayor	mayor is indicted on 37 felony counts of voter fraud for coercing choices on absentee ballots	Roanoke Times	The former mayor was arraigned in Scott County Circuit Court. He entered not guilty pleas to 18 charges of aiding and abetting in violating the absentee voting process, 17 charges of making a false statement on an absentee ballot application, and two charges of conspiracy. Authorities say he targeted elderly and unsophisticated voters, pressuring them to give false reasons for voting absentee and sometimes filling out their ballots himself.	8/17/2005, Roanoke Times	

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Forgery-Voters/Coercion			DA						Yes	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	5-Mar-03	county board recall	A police handwriting expert labeled signatures on 80 absentee ballot envelopes suspicious and elections officials and the DA questioned 36 more. The 96 are among 162 that were distributed to 5th District voters by the African American Coalition for Empowerment. The group had residents agree to ask the city to send absentee ballots to their offices rather than directly to the voters. The group then went to the homes, witnessed the votes and returned the ballots.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			
Forgery-Other Voter							1			Milwaukee	Wisconsin	15-Jan-04	county recall	A voting rights activist was convicted of three felony counts stemming from his management of an absentee ballot campaign. Although evidence suggested forgery and other mischief, the case turned on one voter registration card. The voter had his signature forged by his girlfriend, and the activist had signed the form as a deputy registrar.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			
Forgery-Unknown							1			Milwaukee	Wisconsin	20-Feb-04	county recall	One person is convicted for forging absentee ballots	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			

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Challenges	Yes		third-party							Alabama	29-Aug-04	city council	About 50 challenged ballots in a Bayou La Batre City Council contest have stirred discrimination concerns because they were all demanded from Asian-American voters. Fred Marceaux of Coden, an advocate for the Asian community, called the challenged ballots "scare tactics." By all accounts, the voters were challenged to their faces as they walked into the polling place at the Bayou La Batre Community Center. Being publicly confronted on their first trip to the voting booth visibly up-set many of those who were challenged. Until this year, Asians here have seemed reluctant to step into local politics, preferring to live as a self-contained community for the most part.	AP		
Polling Place Harassment			Pollworker/third-party						Yes	Arizona	1-Oct-04	presidential	A pollworker says that during the primary two men came in and said they were checking the polls to see if illegal aliens were voting. They said the name of their organization was Truth in Action. A voting rights advocate says the group was visiting many poll sites. The editor of the organization's website says he visited the polls wearing a black t-shirt with "US Constitutional Enforcement" on the back and the image of a badge on the front. He carried tools, a camera and a video recorder to "film all the conversations I had." He said that for the general election, if he sees "a busload of Hispanic individuals who didn't speak English and who voted," he plans to follow that bus to make sure they aren't voting more than once.	The Progressive		
Structural Barrier									Yes	Arizona	6-Nov-05		In Phoenix (Maricopa County) more than 10,000 people trying to register have been rejected for being unable to prove their citizenship. Yvonne Reed, a spokesman for the recorder's office, said that most are probably U.S. citizens whose married names differ from the ones on their birth certificates or who have lost documentation. She hopes the number of rejected voters shrinks as election officials explain the new requirements. But, she said, "there will be an amount of people who we will not be able to get on the rolls because of not being able to find the right documents or just losing interest." In Tucson (Pima County) 60 percent of those who tried to register initially could not. Elections chief Chris Roads said that all appeared to be U.S. citizens, but many had moved to Arizona recently and couldn't access their birth certificates or passports. Many of those prospective voters have since been able to register, but Roads said about 1,000 citizens are still unable to vote in this week's election because of Proposition 200 requirements.	Los Angeles Times		
Challenges	Yes	Yes								Arkansas	31-Oct-02		State Democratic Party Chair accuses a Republican poll worker of focusing only on black and elderly voters during his challenges.	Arkansas Democrat Gazette		

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Polling Place Harassment	Yes	Yes							Yes	Arkansas	6-Nov-02		In Arkansas, where voters were allowed to cast their ballots up to two weeks early to lessen the pressure on election day, there were allegations of intimidation in the early voting. Democrats claimed that black voters were photographed as they arrived at polling booths and had their identities subjected to disproportionate scrutiny.	The Guardian		
Polling Place Harassment	Yes	Yes							Yes	Arkansas	30-Dec-02		Democrats accused Republican poll watchers of driving away voters in predominantly black precincts by taking photos of them and demanding identification during early voting	The American Prospect		
Polling Place Harassment	Yes	Yes								Arkansas	17-Nov-04	presidential	DNC Chair says black voters in Arkansas were harassed during early voting	Ethnic News Watch		
Polling Place Harassment		Yes							Yes	California	14-Nov-01	mayoral	The ousted mayor's attorney, in a legal challenge to the election, said he intends to show that Perrodin's supporters pulled guns on voters at precincts	AP		
Police		Yes								California	28-Jan-03	treasurer and city council recall	The anti-recall camp accuses police officers of harassment and of "staring down" residents.	Los Angeles Times		
Pollworkers	Yes		Third-party							California	5-Nov-03	local	Latino community organizer tells city council panel that Latinos have experienced poll workers who intimidate Latinos by illegally asking them to show identification.	Union-Tribune		
Pollworkers/ID	Yes		Third-party						Yes	California	2-Feb-04	mayoral	A group called the People of Color Caucus alleged that some Latinos wearing Gonzalez buttons were told they were not allowed to vote	Los Angeles Times		
Challenges		Yes							Yes	Colorado	28-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats fear what they believe to be a plan by Republicans to challenge new voters, especially students at the University of Colorado at Boulder who may seek to use student IDs as proof of identification at the polls. State GOP brass said they have no such plan.	Denver Post		
Police										Connecticut	11-Nov-02	congressional	U.S. Representative tells Republican registrars to request police supervision at the polls if they are concerned about fraud or disturbance	The Day Online		
Pollworkers	Yes			Federal Observers					Yes	Florida	23-May-02	2001 special election	Federal observers found pollworkers downright "hostile" to Hispanics, even insisting that voters must speak English to vote	St. Petersburg Times		
Challenges		Yes								Florida	1-Nov-02		Citing fears of voter intimidation and a repeat by GOP operatives to "barrage polling places," local Democrats - including former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek - are suing to block Miami-Dade County from allowing a Republican political action committee to put poll watchers inside the county's precincts Tuesday.	Miami Herald		

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Purge	Yes	Yes								Florida	22-Jun-04	presidential	Harkening back to the 1960s, when Southern states used poll taxes and intimidation to shut blacks out of elections, the Rev. Jesse Jackson on Monday accused Florida Gov. Jeb Bush of engaging in "disenfranchisement schemes" by asking counties to purge felons from voter rolls. "This is a typical South [tactic], denying the right to vote based on race and class," Jackson said. "You see classical voter disenfranchisement. These schemes to deny or suppress voters are not new schemes."	Miami Herald		
Police	Yes			Federal					Yes	Florida	19-Sep-04	presidential	The Justice Department is investigating accusations that Florida law enforcement officers intimidated elderly black voters during a probe of voting fraud in the Orlando mayoral election. Civil rights groups and Democrats contend that the agents presence and behavior, including allegedly displaying their guns, intimidated the minority voters they visited.	AP		
Pollworkers/ID			Third-party							Florida	1-Oct-04	presidential	Representatives from People for the American Way saw poll workers turn back registered voters who did not have ID, although that is not required. A spokeswoman from Election Protection says that several voters report being asked if they are citizens during early voting.	The Progressive		
Challenges		Yes								Florida	16-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic election lawyer says Republican plans to challenge voters at the polls may intimidate voters.	St. Petersburg Times		
Polling Place Harassment										Florida	25-Oct-04	presidential	Two white men were filming voters as they entered the poll site in a presumed attempt at intimidation.	Financial Times		
Pollsite Intimidation (third-party)		Yes							Yes	Florida	26-Oct-04	presidential	The Republican Party distributed to the media affidavits from anonymous voters claiming to be harassed at polling sites in Miami, Pembroke Pines, Boca Raton, Plantation, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville Apopka and Tallahassee.	Miami Herald		
Multiple		Yes								Florida	27-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Terry McAuliffe has accused Republicans of engaging in "systematic efforts" to disenfranchise voters, imposing unlawful identification requirements on voters, throwing eligible voters off the rolls and depriving voters of their right to cast a provisional ballot.	Washington Times		
Challenges		Yes								Florida	29-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats have complained that GOP poll watchers will issue challenges in order to slow down the voting process and drive people away from the polls.	Palm Beach Post		

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Challenges	Yes	Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats fear Republicans will systematically challenge black and Hispanic voters and create long lines at the polls. The suspicions were fed by reports that Republicans had a list of 1,866 voters they were planning to challenge in predominantly black areas of Jacksonville.	Orlando Sentinel	In the Jacksonville area, Republicans say they have a list of 2,663 newly registered voters from mostly Democratic black communities whose registration could be fraudulent. Republicans have said that poll watchers will enforce a portion of Florida law allowing poll watchers to challenge a voter at the polls. The St. Petersburg Times on Thursday quoted Gov. Jeb Bush as saying he would not have a problem with Republican poll watchers challenging the eligibility of voters	The Ledger, October 31, 2004
Challenges	Yes		Third-party						Yes	Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Based on a 1982 consent decree, The Advancement Project filed a lawsuit asking a federal district court in New Jersey to ban GOP poll watcher activities in heavily minority precincts in Florida. The suit contends that in New Jersey, Louisiana, and North Carolina, the RNC sent mass mailers to thousands of voters registered predominantly in black precincts. When thousands were returned because of incorrect addresses, those names went on lists for challenges. The GOP says it has just done a mass mailer to new voters.	Tampa Tribune		
Polling Place Harassment		Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	At one polling station, Republicans claimed that Democratic poll watchers were approaching Republican voters and shouting "There's a dirty Bush supporter!" as they waited on line.	Ottawa Citizen		
Polling Place Harassment		Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic poll workers say Republican poll workers are intimidating Kerry supporters, staring at them and refusing to move away if they decline to accept a Bush-Kerry sticker.	The Boston Globe		
Polling Place Harassment		Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	A Republican Party spokesman said elderly voters standing in line at early polling places who refuse to accept Kerry stickers have been harassed with shouts of "Hey, we've got a Bush voter here!" He says Republican poll watchers and volunteers have been "pretty much continually harassed and intimidated."	The Boston Globe		
Challenges	Yes	Yes								Florida	31-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats say Republicans are disproportionately putting poll watchers in predominantly minority precincts and said it could signal plans to intimidate or slow down voters. In Miami-Dade County, Democrats said 59% of predominantly black precincts have at least one Republican poll watcher, while 24 % of predominantly white precincts have them. In Leon County, 64% of black precincts have at least one Republican poll watcher compared with 24% of majority white precincts. In Alachua, 71% of black precincts have a Republican poll watcher assigned, while 24% of white precincts do.	St. Petersburg Times		

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Polling Place Harassment	Yes		Third-party							Florida	1-Nov-04	presidential	Election Protection reports that Haitian Americans complained that "thugs" had walked along the waiting lines at an early polling site and demanded to see identification, while telling voters they could be deported.	Cox News Service		
Challenges					Police Action					Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	Four GOP poll watchers were ejected from the polls by police and another was "threatened by poll workers for telling them to assign voters provisional ballots. These are people without IDs or even listed on the voter roll," according to a party statement.	Boston Globe		
Challenges										Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	GOP challengers were monitoring the polls, armed with packets that included color mug shots of felons the party said were improperly included on the voting rolls. At the urging of the Bush campaign, some of the poll watchers were wearing buttons, hats or T-shirts that said "voting rights counselor."	Washington Post		
Police	Yes	Yes							Yes	Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	At Midway Elementary School east of Sanford, a predominantly black voter pre-cinct, Democratic officials complained a large law-enforcement presence intimidated voters. A deputy sheriff assigned to the precinct moved his patrol car, with his police dog inside, after Democrats complained to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office about it being parked at the entrance to the parking lot, where they said there were as many as four deputies at a time.	Orlando Sentinel		
Polling Place Harassment					Elections officials					Florida	2-Mar-05	presidential	Shouting matches and rowdy behavior forced elections officials across the state to step in to keep the peace. Voters reported being harassed and intimidated at the polls.	Orlando Sentinel		
Pollworkers			Voters							Georgia	3-Nov-04	presidential	Many voters said they were denied provisional ballots or had to argue with poll workers to get them.	Atlanta Journal Constitution		

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Challenges	Yes				Court				Yes	Georgia	28-Oct-04	presidential	<p>95 people who make up more than three-quarters of a rural Georgia county's registered Hispanic voters were summoned to a courthouse Thursday to defend their right to vote after a complaint alleged a county commissioner attempted to register non-U.S. citizens. The Atkinson County Board of Registrars, however, dismissed most of the complaint at the beginning of the hearing, saying the case could open the county to charges of violating the Voting Rights Act. Remaining complaints against two voters were dropped when the complainants declined to present any evidence against them. The three men who filed the complaint had said they have evidence a county commissioner attempted to help non-U.S. citizens register so they could vote for him in the July 20 Democratic primary. Lawyers from the ACLU and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund got involved because the men filed the challenges based on a list they had received from the Board of Registrars of all Hispanics registered in the south Georgia county.</p> <p>Linda Davis, chief registrar in Atkinson County, said she provided the men with a list of the 121 voters on the rolls who listed their race as Hispanic or Mexican. She said the men decided to challenge 95 of them.</p>			
State Suppression	Yes			Federal					Yes	Indiana	21-Apr-04	mayoral	<p>The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed a federal law-suit last October alleging that election officials conspired to persuade Hispanics to vote by absentee ballot and limit their access to the polls in the 2003 Democratic primary. The U.S. Attorney's Office is investigating similar allegations. The lawsuit seeks to overturn the election of Mayor Robert Pastrick, who defeated challenger George Pabey, who is of Puerto Rican descent.</p>	AP		

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Suppression	Yes									Indiana	7-Oct-04	presidential	<p>Persistent warnings about terrorism also have drawn skepticism from some Democratic election officials and civil rights advocates who have accused the Republican White House of creating a climate of fear that, among other things, could suppress voter turnout. Heavy voter turnout historically has favored Democrats in U.S. elections.</p> <p>Some local officials in Indiana accused Secretary of State Todd Rokita, a Republican, of trying to intimidate voters after he asked election clerks to develop responses to "an immediate and present danger." Engy Abdelkader, civil rights director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, says that Arab-Americans and other minorities could choose to stay away from the polls if they believe that federal agents will be questioning people there.</p>	USA Today		
Challenges					Police Action					Kentucky	29-May-02	county clerk primary	<p>A poll worker, Jeff Farmer, was stationed at Horse Creek Elementary School as a "challenger," someone who observes the process and can ask voters to prove identities or addresses. The sheriff said Farmer was warned after interfering with voters. "I told him to sit his ass down," Jordan said.</p> <p>When Farmer went outside about 10:30 a.m. and began "pulling voters out of line," according to Jordan, a sheriff's deputy told him to leave or face arrest. Farmer had a different version of events, saying he went out to smoke and wasn't allowed back in.</p>	Lexington Herald Leader		
Challenges	Yes		Third-party							Kentucky	31-Oct-03	gubernatorial	<p>A flyer written and distributed by the Republican in charge of recruiting poll workers asserts that in three previous races the NAACP and the Philip Randolph Institute have targeted "poor, black voters" and encouraged them to "commit voter fraud." Civil rights leaders say this shows that the Republican plan to put challengers in predominantly African American poll sites is racially based. The Republican County chair had announced that Republicans would place challengers at 59 precincts that were either chosen at random or because there were too few election workers.</p>	The Courier-Journal		

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Challenges	Yes				Court				Yes	Kentucky	2-Nov-03	gubernatorial	Black voters in Louisville sued Friday over a Republican plan to put vote "challengers" in dozens of black precincts	AP	A judge turned down a request Monday to block Republican poll challengers from observing Tuesday's election in predominantly black neighborhoods of the city. Jefferson County Circuit Judge Thomas Wine denied a restraining order sought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, which claimed the poll watch-ers could intimidate minority voters or slow voting. The ACLU also filed suit in federal court seeking to bar the poll challeng-ers, but there has been no hearing.	AP, November 4, 2003
Challenges	Yes		Third-party							Kentucky	4-Nov-03	gubernatorial	Republicans plan to deploy "a small army" of challengers in Jefferson County. Critics say the mobilization of mostly white challengers in poorer minority districts is intended to intimidate. Black leaders held a rally decrying the Republican initiative.	Christian Science Monitor	Precinct workers in western Louisville and Newburg reported no problems with Republican vote challengers and predicted a high voter turnout yesterday - in contrast to fears that the challengers would intimidate black voters and keep them from the polls. Even as the number of targeted precincts dropped to 18 because of staffing and training issues, the controversy drew national attention, with the Democratic National Committee and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sending personnel to help organize a get-out-the-vote effort. The NAACP also stationed volunteers outside polling places to ensure that voters were treated fairly.	The Courier Journal, November 5, 2003
Challenges	Yes									Kentucky	3-Aug-04	presidential	A group of Republicans called on the county party chair to resign because of plans to use voter challengers in the election. In 2003, the party used Republicans from across the county to watch voting in 18 predominantly Democratic districts -- most of them with large numbers of black voters.	Courier Journal		
Police				Police						Louisiana	7-Oct-03	sheriff	Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Ed Layrisson said Monday he has suspended two deputies while his office investigates allegations of public intimidation against them. The deputies were at a polling place Saturday and allegedly asked several people in a group how they planned to vote in the sheriff's race, authorities said. The deputies "have adamantly denied the allegation," Layrisson said. He said the deputies were not in uniform, but were carrying their badges and weapons.	The Advocate		
Pollworkers/ID			third-party							Louisiana	2-Nov-04	presidential	Louisiana Election Protection says it received many complaints of voters being denied the right to vote if they did not have a drivers license.	AP		

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Police		Yes								Maryland	5-Nov-02	gubernatorial	The Democratic National Committee filed a lawsuit seeking to prevent the Ehrlich campaign from using off-duty police officers as poll workers. The Democrats dropped the action when the campaign agreed the officers would not wear uniforms, badges or sidearms or identify themselves as police officers.	Washington Post		
State Suppression		Yes								Maryland	6-Nov-02	statewide	In Maryland, David Paulson, the director of communications for the state Democratic Party, charged that signs saying voters needed photo identification to vote had been "illegally" or "extralegally" placed by the Board of Elections in Prince George's County, just outside of Washington. Photo identification has never been required for voters there, he said.	UPI		
Polling Place Harassment	Yes				City					Massachusetts	12-Mar-05		In 2002, there were allegations that Russian and Chinese voters were being told how to vote by translators in a Brighton precinct that is home to the Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly complex on Wallingford Road. After those allegations, the city changed the rules at the polling place located there: Now, no resident of the building is allowed to work as an elections official there.	Boston Globe		
State Suppression/Pollworkers	Yes			Federal					Yes	Massachusetts	30-Jul-05		In a lawsuit filed yesterday, the Justice Department alleges that the city and its poll workers interfered with voters' rights by "improperly influencing, coercing, or ignoring the ballot choices of limited English proficient Hispanic and Asian-American voters" and of generally "abridging" their voting rights by treating Hispanic and Asian voters disrespectfully at the polls and by failing to provide adequate translation services for them.	Boston Globe		
Pollworkers	Yes			Third-party						Massachusetts	18-Aug-05	presidential	A survey by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund found 10 voters who had been turned away because their names were not on the rolls and who were not offered provisional ballots as required by law.	Boston Globe		

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Challenges	Yes		Precinct Chair		Police					Michigan	6-Nov-02		Trouble was reported at Bowen Recreation Center in Pontiac, where police were called after voters and election workers complained that a Republican Party volunteer was harassing people. Precinct chairwoman Linda Nichols said the woman, who identified herself as Teresa Sayer, came to the poll after leaving another location where voters had complained that she was questioning whether they were eligible to vote. "She would be behind the shoulder of the poll worker telling them what they could and could not do," Nichols said. "She even got behind the voter when they were going into the voting booth, asking them if they had identification." State election officials say challengers are not allowed to talk directly to voters but can question the veracity of a voter with poll chairpersons. State Republican officials denied that the woman was intimidating voters at the polling place. The precinct, on Bagley near Orchard Lake, is heavily Democratic and black.	Detroit News		
Other	Yes									Michigan	18-Sep-04	presidential	Democrats were outraged when Republican state representative John Pappageorge was quoted in July as warning that "if we do not suppress the Detroit vote, we're going to have a tough time in this election." Detroit is 83% black.	San Francisco Chronicle		
Challenges	Yes	Yes							Yes	Michigan	4-Nov-04	presidential	Reggie Turner, a Detroit lawyer with the Kerry campaign, complained of voter intimidation by GOP challengers at Detroit sites. "The documented incidents of intimidation and harassment that we have in our files are right out of the stories regarding harassment and intimidation in the South in the 1950s and 1960s," Turner said GOP challengers harassed people in line to vote, requesting identification when they had no right to, and had lists of voters "they intended to challenge without any legal basis for such challenges." The GOP's Paolino said the lists were of newly registered Detroit voters to whom the GOP had sent mailings that came back from the post office as address unknown	Detroit Free Press		

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Challenges	Yes		Third-party		Federal Court					Michigan	8-Nov-05	mayoral	The NAACP has received more than 100 complaints including ones involving intimidation at the polls. There were many fights between challengers and poll workers.	Detroit Free Press	A US District judge ordered all political parties to refrain from talking to voters at the polls. The ruling came in response to a suit filed by the Detroit NAACP which said it had received complaints from 19 polling places that state and national GOP poll monitors were harassing voters. Republicans disputed the claim. The suit charged GOP workers were harassing voters in violation of a state law that prohibits challengers from talking to voters. The suit also said the watchers challenged the eligibility of Detroit voters to cast ballots, prompting some to leave without voting. The Detroit NAACP president said it was an attempt to reduce the black vote in next years state and congressional elections.	November 9, 2003 Detroit Free Press
Challenges	Yes		third-party						Yes	Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Republicans systematically challenged a group of voters brought in by a nonprofit group and a group from a shelter. At another site, a minority group advocate accused a Republican challenger of intimidating American Indian and black voters.	Duluth News-Tribune		
Pollsite Intimidation (third-party)					Court					Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Secretary of State Kiffmeyer said her office received about 140 complaints about MoveOn. Minnesota Republican Party leaders tried and failed to get a restraining order against the MoveOn organization, which they accused of stationing activists too close to polling places Tuesday. But the judge disagreed. "The evidence has consisted almost entirely of hearsay," said Hennepin County District Judge Francis Connelly after a two-hour hearing Tuesday afternoon.	St. Paul Pioneer Press		
Challenges	Yes		Local Officials						Yes	Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Officials in Beltrami County and throughout the Twin Cities reported seeing poll challengers increasingly focused on polling places with particularly heavy populations of specific groups. Examples of those specific groups were college students, Indians on reservations, minorities or the homeless. In one case, the chairman of a Minnesota Indian tribe accused Republican poll challengers of intimidating legitimate voters by aggressively challenging their residency.	Star Tribune		

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Challenges	Yes		third-party		Police Action					Minnesota	22-Mar-05	presidential	A get out the vote activist and an election judge say that a Republican operative improperly challenged so many Indian voters at the reservation on Election Day that the challenger eventually was removed by tribal police. Director of Minnesota Election Protection 2004 said that most of the 46 complaints that her group forwarded to the national database had to do with "overzealous partisan challengers." The challenges were often based "on the way a person looked" or the fact that the person was not speaking English.	Star Tribune		
Challenges	Yes		third-party							Missouri	28-Oct-04	presidential	Civil rights groups accuse the Republican Party of hiring hundreds of poll challengers as part of an effort to suppress the black vote in St. Louis. The Republican Party strongly denies this.	AP		
N/A									Yes	national	15-Oct-04	presidential	The Justice Department is ill prepared to handle a large influx of complaints about voting rights violations in the Nov. 2 presidential election, according to a report released yesterday by the Government Accountability Office. The Justice Department "lacks a clear plan" to reliably document and track allegations in a manner that could allow monitors to swiftly pick up patterns of abuse and take corrective steps, according to the GAO, Congress's nonpartisan investigative arm.	Washington Post		
Polling Place Harassment (third-party)		Yes			Court				Yes	national	3-Nov-04	presidential	Republicans filed complaints with courts about poll monitors from the liberal group Moveon.org "intimidating" voters in New Hampshire, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado and Michigan - all close states. Moveon.org's Eli Pariser said the GOP charges were intended to "create a false and distorted record to assist them in any legal challenges."	New York Daily News		

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Pollworkers/ID	Yes			third-party					Yes	national	4-Nov-04	presidential	Racial slurs from election workers, missing bilingual ballots and unwarranted demands to check voter identification turned away Asian American voters across the nation, according to reports by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. "There were racist remarks in New York City -- poll workers were blaming them for holding up the lines. One of them said, 'You Oriental guys are taking too long to vote,'" she said. Although the legal fund continues to tally its exiting poll surveys and has no firm estimate for the number of incidents, Fung said repeated requests from poll workers to check identification hindered the high turnout of Asian American voters. With their patience worn thin by the inadequacy of their voting site, many simply left without voting. In polling sites across Detroit, University of Michigan student volunteers monitoring the polling sites said they not only encountered deficient polling sites, but also challengers from the Republican Party deliberately aiming to drive voters away through tactics of intimidation.	University Wire		
N/A	Yes	Yes								national	18-Jan-05	presidential	In his first high-profile address since conceding the presidential election, Senator John F. Kerry decried what he called the suppression of thousands of would-be voters last November. "Thousands of people were suppressed in their efforts to vote. Voting machines were distributed in uneven ways," he told an enthusiastic audience of 1,200. "In Democratic districts, it took people four, five, 11 hours to vote, while Republicans [went] through in 10 minutes. Same voting machines, same process, our America," Kerry said. Critics of the election process in Ohio say there were not enough voting machines in urban, Democrat-leaning precincts, leading to long lines that dissuaded many voters from casting ballots. In some cases, polls were held open after the announced closing time to allow everyone in line to vote, but some left without voting after standing in line for hours. Some blacks in particular have also charged that there were organized efforts to send voters to the wrong voting places, and troubling disparities in the way voting machines counted Democratic votes.	Boston Globe		
Challenges			third-party	DA					Yes	Nevada	23-Oct-02	local	A group called "Concerned Citizens for Fair Elections" filed 1,200 voter challenges, nearly 200 of which were duplicates or triplicates of the same challenge; 220 were improper; several of those who signed the challenges under penalty of perjury said they never inspected the residence they claimed was abandoned or not occupied by a registered voter. District Attorney investigates whether there was perjury	Pahrump Valley Times		

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Challenges			BOE							Nevada	1-Oct-04	presidential	The registrar says an official of the Republican Party came to his office with a small group asking how to launch a "full scale program for challenging voters."	The Progressive		
Challenges		Yes			BOE					Nevada	29-Oct-04	presidential	An effort by a former Nevada GOP operative to question 17,000 Democratic voters in Las Vegas was rejected earlier this month by election officials there.	Washington Post		
Pollworkers/Intimidation					Court					New Jersey	26-Jun-01	municipal	A court appointed election monitor found that in the May 8 election violations included refusing to provide provisional ballots and intimidation of voters by candidates' representatives.	New York Times		
Suppression	Yes									New Jersey	6-Nov-01	US Senate	Hispanic and black residents in the city of Passaic receive postcards in the mail warning of "armed law enforcement officers" at the polls and fines or prisons for anyone violating voting laws.	The Record		
Suppression	Yes				Federal Monitor					New Jersey	4-Dec-01	sheriff	The federal monitor found that the weekend before Election Day, Passaic city voters received a mass mailed post card reminding them that "armed law enforcement officers" would be policing the polls. The cards inferred they were official and cited the name of the monitor. He said they seemed aimed at minority voters.	The Record		
Challenges					BOE					New Jersey	27-Oct-04	presidential	A resident files challenges of 55 county residents whose voter confirmation cards sent from the Board of Elections were returned undeliverable. He withdrew 47 of his challenges and the board denied the other eight. The county Republican chair said that the state Republican Party directed counties to challenge suspect voters such as those who have an address where voter confirmation cards could not be delivered.	Newark Advocate		
Challenges		Yes			Court					New Jersey	9-Nov-05	statewide	The state Democratic Party won an injunction in the Superior Court in Passaic County, with the judge issuing a statewide order barring any challenger from disputing any voter's ability to vote based on the voter's signature. The Democrats said they heard numerous complaints about GOP challengers interfering in the signature comparison process.	Star Ledger		
Suppression		Yes								New Mexico	20-Oct-04	presidential	At a special meeting Tuesday, Sandoval County commissioners voted 3-1 against opening an additional early voting site in Rio Rancho. Commissioners cited a short time line and legal questions in voting against the poll. The commission called the meeting after Republican legislative candidates and the mayor of Rio Rancho complained that the lack of an early voting site in the city disenfranchised voters. "The combination of an incompetent county clerk and highly partisan Democrat commission has allowed disenfranchisement of the fourth largest city in New Mexico," said Whitney Cheshire, a spokeswoman for New Mexico Victory.	Albuquerque Journal		

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Suppression	Yes	Yes								New Mexico	25-Oct-04	presidential	In a mass mailing, the Republican National Committee is citing Hispanic voter registration campaigns as proof that "Democrats... will cheat in order to win." Hispanic advocates say this is designed to suppress Hispanic voting.	Washington Post		
Polling Place Harassment				Federal					Yes	New Mexico	3-Nov-04	presidential	In New Mexico, a Republican poll watcher videotaped a man as he left a poll-ing station after casting a provisional ballot on Saturday, said Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron, a Democrat. Vigil-Giron said Republicans argued they wanted to record the voter's face for a possible legal challenge. Federal officials were investigating, she said.	Chicago Tribune		
Suppression		Yes								New York	31-Oct-05	mayoral	Democratic candidate sends a letter to the Department of Justice complaining of Republican election day plans to man some polls with off-duty corrections officers, calling it a bid to intimidate voters.	New York Daily News		
Intimidation	Yes		third-party						Yes	North Carolina	27-Oct-04	presidential	The head of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund says the sheriff gave a list of registered Hispanic voters to immigration authorities to check their status. The sheriff "also threatened to go door-to-door personally with his department to ensure that immigration status was checked and make sure there was no 'perception of fraud by Latinos'"	Agence France Presse		
Pollworkers/ID					BOE					North Carolina	29-Oct-04	presidential	In southeast Charlotte, Elections Director Michael Dickerson told poll workers at the Morrison Regional Library to stop asking people waiting to cast early votes to get identification cards ready. Richard Friedman, an unaffiliated voter who is volunteering with the Kerry campaign, complained after elections staff told people standing in line to get their driver's license or voter registration card ready. Most N.C. voters are not required to show ID when they vote, and no one asked for it when voters got in to cast ballots, Friedman said.	Charlotte Observer		
Police			Elections Officials							Ohio	6-Sep-04	presidential	Ohio polling sites plan to add security, which some election officials believe will intimidate voters and poll workers	Columbus Dispatch		
State Suppression		Yes								Ohio	20-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats believe the Secretary of State's order that people who appear to vote in the wrong precinct should not be allowed a provisional ballot and the unnecessary purging of voter rolls, and the Republicans' checking of new registrants are designed to intimidate voters into staying home.	Columbus Dispatch		
Challenges	Yes									Ohio	23-Oct-04	presidential	Republicans filed a challenger list in 191 precincts -- many of them in largely black neighborhoods around Dayton. Republicans say it is to prevent vote fraud	Cleveland Plain Dealer		

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Challenges					Court					Ohio	23-Oct-04	presidential	Republicans formally challenged the validity of 35,000 voter registrations across the state	Cleveland Plain Dealer	After a court fight, scheduled hearings on the challenges were canceled, but voters still received mail notifying them they were being challenged.	January 7, 2005, Columbus Dispatch
Challenges					BOE					Ohio	24-Oct-04	presidential	Dozens of Republican challenges to newly registered voters in Franklin County will be tossed out because they were not properly filed, a local elections official said yesterday. An initial review of 50 challenge forms filed by GOP activists shows 40 with an incorrect ward or precinct listed for the voter, said Michael Hackett, deputy director of the Franklin County Board of Elections. He said such mistakes will nullify requests to have people removed from the list of eligible voters. Voters whose eligibility is challenged need to prove Thursday that they're registered at their correct address. If they don't show up, elections board members can decide whether to keep them on the rolls. Franklin County Republican Chairman Doug Preisse said his party's challenges of voters' eligibility is not an attempt to deny legitimately registered people the right to cast a ballot. In Franklin County, beyond the challenges with incorrect information, it appears Republicans included some legitimately registered voters, including members of the military.	Columbus Dispatch		
Challenges	Yes	Yes							Yes	Ohio	29-Oct-04	presidential	In a lawsuit, a voter and Democrats contend Republican challenges to voters around Cleveland and Columbus are designed to keep poor and minority voters from voting.	AP		
Challenges	Yes		third-party							Ohio	30-Oct-04	presidential	Jeff Gamso of the ACLU said in Hamilton County, 250 of 251 precincts targeted by Republicans with challengers are majority African-American precincts.	Toledo Blade		
Challenges		Yes								Ohio	31-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats accuse Republicans of using challengers to suppress voter turnout. Republicans will not allow the press to attend training sessions.	Cleveland Plain Dealer		
Challenges	Yes				Court					Ohio	1-Nov-04	presidential	In a lawsuit in Hamilton County, civil rights activists say GOP challenges are discriminatory because they were filed disproportionately in precincts with a majority of black voters. A civil rights group seeks to block challengers in Ohio by arguing they violate a 1981 national order prohibiting the Republican National Committee from trying to intimidate black voters	Columbus Dispatch	District court judges blocked the challenges because they could cause delays, confusion and intimidation. 6th Circuit overrules the lower court rulings.	Columbus Dispatch, November 2, 2004
Polling Place Harassment		Yes							Yes	Ohio	3-Nov-04	presidential	In Lucas County, Ohio, Republicans asked a judge to bar poll monitors from wearing "Voter Protection Staff" and "Voting Rights Staff" armbands from polling spots.	New York Daily News		

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Challenges				Federal	BOE				Yes	Ohio	5-Nov-04	presidential	The Board of Elections threw out 976 of the challenges filed by the Republican Party without prejudice after a volunteer who brought the challenges revealed she did not have any personal information about the eligibility of the challenged voters. A member of the Board told the volunteer she could be indicted for signing a sworn challenge without personal knowledge of eligibility. The Board has indicated they plan to call the Department of Justice to conduct a criminal investigation of the challenges.	Philadelphia Tribune		
State Suppression	Yes									Ohio	11-Dec-04	presidential	Because blue-collar and lower-income workers tend to vote Democratic, the long lines in Akron and other urban areas fueled suspicion of a deliberate tactic to hold down the turnout -- especially in largely African-American precincts -- for presidential challenger John Kerry.	Akron Beacon Journal		
Multiple	Yes									Ohio	23-Jun-05	presidential	Blacks and young voters in Ohio faced widespread voter suppression - mostly because of long lines and improper identification checks - during last year's presidential election, according to a new Democratic Party report. DNC Chairman Howard Dean said that while it's unclear whether the suppression was intentional or whether it influenced the election results, the party's five-month, \$250,000 investigation showed that 28 per-cent of Ohio voters - and twice as many black voters - reported facing challenges on Election Day. "You have a particular ethnic group that has to wait three times as long as other voters, then clearly there is something going on that is aimed at particular precincts," Dean said blacks waited an average of 52 minutes to vote while white voters waited about 18 minutes. It also found that 37 percent of Ohio voters reported being asked for identification. Ohio law requires only new voters to produce identification, and new registrants accounted for 7 percent of all voters. Blacks and voters under 30 were asked for ID's at higher rates than other voters.	The Cincinnati Enquirer		
State Suppression	Yes	Yes								Ohio	23-Jun-05	presidential	Long lines were caused by the scarcity of voting machines in a number of precincts, particularly in minority areas, a report by the DNC on the election in Ohio says.	Washington Post		
Intimidation			Election Officials							Oregon	21-Oct-04	presidential	Officials are concerned about voter intimidation at ballot drop-off sites the evening of the Nov. 2 deadline. A Republican manual instructs GOP volunteers to take video cameras. Party officials say this is to make sure no ballots are collected after the 8 pm cutoff, but Democrats worry that it could frighten away some voters.	Christian Science Monitor		

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Challenges		Yes								Pennsylvania	6-Nov-02	statewide	Democrats in the state are concerned about Operation Swarm and Storm -- the name they say was given to an effort by the George Gekas campaign to challenge voters based on old information. A pamphlet was allegedly prepared by the campaign, which instructed Republican poll workers to challenge voters who had recently moved to new districts. The laws had been changed, however, and such challenges could have been wrongly made. Voters in some districts were also challenged to produce identification, charged state Democratic Party spokeswoman Mia DeVane. Voters she said need only provide a matching signature to vote in the state.	UPI		
Polling Place Harassment/Pollworkers				Police/local	Court					Pennsylvania	5-Nov-03	mayoral	Complaints filed with the police, the district attorney's office, and the Committee of Seventy alleging physical violence, harassment and intimidation were the highest in modern history. The DA's office reported it had received at least 171 complaints, nearly quadruple the 41 complaints of four years ago. Most charged that voters and poll workers had been intimidated or interfered with. Inspector William Colarulo said the Police Department had received at least 110 complaints, most dealing with simple assaults, vandalism and disturbances. In the course of the day, Common Pleas Judge Benjamin Lerner signed two orders directing Republican workers at polling places in Germantown and North Philadelphia to stop demanding identification from people showing up to vote.	Philadelphia Daily News		
Challenges										Pennsylvania	26-Oct-04	presidential	Republican Representative John Perzel, speaker of the state house, told US News and World Report that "The Kerry campaign needs to come out with humongous numbers here in Philadelphia. Its important for me to keep that number down." At the same time, he said campaign workers are examining voting records for evidence of Democrats registering more than once or otherwise violating election rules. An aide to Perzel said challengers will have lists of questionable registrations at the polls.	AP		
Pollsite Location	Yes	Yes								Pennsylvania	31-Oct-04	presidential	In Philadelphia, Republicans unsuccessfully sought last week to change locations of 63 polling places, contending that their placement in closed bars or in homes would intimidate voters. Democrats pointed out that most of those locations were in minority neighborhoods and branded the move an effort to suppress black votes.	Philadelphia Inquirer		

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Challenges			BOE							Pennsylvania	2-Nov-04	presidential	Philadelphia's voter-registration administrator cried foul last night over a letter sent from the state GOP to judges of elections, the men and women who run the city's 1,681 polling places. He said the letter had wrongly instructed those poll workers to check and compare voters' various signatures "at will." He pointed to state law, which limits such checks to prevent long voting delays. State Republicans released additional details yesterday from their list of 10,000 letters to Philadelphia voters that they said were returned as undeliverable. They said they would use this list to challenge voters at the polls today. Counsel to the state Republican Party said there were multiple reports yesterday that elderly voters in Lancaster and York Counties in Central Pennsylvania - an area the Bush campaign has been heavily courting - got phone calls telling them they would not be allowed to vote and urging them not to show up at the polls.	Philadelphia Inquirer		
Pollworkers					Court					Pennsylvania	3-Nov-04	presidential	While overwhelmed poll workers pushed provisional ballots on some voters who should not have been using them, other voters who could have used provisional ballots were being turned away. In Allentown, about 10 lawyers and community activists rushed to the Salvation Army building on North Eighth Street to challenge poll workers who were stopping about eight people whose names were not in the registration list.	Morning Call		
State Suppression										Pennsylvania	4-Nov-04	presidential	There were long lines throughout the state, leading voters to wait for several hours in order to vote. Some voters waited into the night in order to vote. Some reportedly left without voting.	Philadelphia Inquirer		
Police										Pennsylvania	8-Dec-04	presidential	In Philadelphia, some voters were sent to police stations to cast provisional ballots. House Minority Whip Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) told a voting rights forum. "Clearly an intimidation," he said.	Los Angeles Times		
Pollworkers			Voters		BOE					Pennsylvania	24-Apr-05	presidential	The Board of Elections fired three elections officials because of charges they intimidated Democratic voters. One voter said a poll worker was aggressive in challenging his eligibility. Another said a worker yelled at her and then grabbed her arm and forced her out of the polling place because she was wearing a Kerry button.	Lancaster Sunday News		

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Challenges	Yes				Court				Yes	South Carolina	5-Nov-02		Voters in Beaufort County who only have rural route addresses or post office box numbers on their voter registration cards might face problems at the polls today, a federal lawsuit filed in Charleston late Monday alleges. The lawsuit said that poll workers could challenge these voters' ballots, and that if this happens, black voters would be disproportionately affected. The chair of the election commission said poll workers will ask these voters to identify exactly where they live, possibly by having them point out their homes on a map. He said the purpose of doing this is not to discourage or embarrass the voter; it's to ensure they get the correct ballot. He said if there is any confusion, voters will be given failsafe ballots that exclude district races but still allow voters to cast ballots in federal, state and countywide races.	The Post and Courier		
Police	Yes	Yes								South Carolina	12-Aug-04	county council	Candidate says he plans to have observers at the polls and may call for sheriff's deputies to enforce voting laws when voters try for a third time to nominate a Republican County Council candidate. His opponent alleges he is trying to intimidate black voters from voting.	Greenville News		
Challenges										South Carolina	2-Nov-04	presidential	Dozens of voters, many students, were turned away from a precinct at Benedict College after Republican poll watchers contested the legality of their vote. Challenges slowed voting at the precinct causing waits as long as four hours. The Republican Party executive director said poll watchers were challenging people who did not have proper state identification, such as a drivers license. Alternate forms of identification permit student to vote provisional ballots.	AP		
Suppression	Yes	Yes								South Dakota	31-Oct-02	US Senate	Senator Daschle says Republicans have targeted Native American communities in making allegations of vote fraud and launching initiatives in order to suppress the Native American vote	Washington Times		

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Other	Yes			State						South Dakota	1-Jan-03	senate	Republican attorneys fanned out across the state on Election Day to gather affidavits to show vote buying. The State Attorney General (a Republican) says that of the 60 affidavits only three alleged criminal activity, and two of those proved to be false. One person is being investigated. Two of the affidavits were found to have been forged or perjurious. Each affidavit states that the person allegedly signing it claimed to have been picked up by a van driver, offered 10 to vote, taken to the polling place and home again and again offered the 10. Most of the allegations focused on the Rosebud Reservation	Indian Country Today (Lakota Times)		
Pollworkers/ID	Yes									South Dakota	30-Jun-04	special election	During the June 1 special election, several Native American voters were told they could not vote if they did not have ID and were not told about the affidavit option. Most of the complaints came from across the state, many from reservations and some from Rapid City, where there is a large American Indian population. A Republican poll watcher denied this was the case. He said Indian voting rights workers were intimidating poll workers.	Indian Country Today (Lakota Times)		
Pollworkers/ID	Yes									South Dakota	26-Aug-04	presidential	Some American Indians were not allowed to vote in the primary because they did not have photo ID and some said they were not told they could instead sign an affidavit.	Newsday		
Polling Place Harassment	Yes				Court					South Dakota	2-Nov-04	senatorial	On Election Day, a district court judge ruled Republican poll watchers in Charles Mix County had to stop following American Indian voters after they cast ballots. The GOP workers were also ordered to stop writing down those people's license plate numbers.	AP		
Challenges					State Election Director					Tennessee	5-Nov-02		A GOP memo to its poll watchers said, "There are problems" with the instructions [state election director]Thompson's office provided to local officials, and focuses on whether the would-be voters are legitimately qualified. "If the officers at the precinct are not screening voters for their qualifications to vote, including their citizenship, they should be challenged so that the election officials will carry out the law and make sure they are qualified to vote if they are first-time voters," the memo says Thompson said the U.S. Department of Justice, part of President Bush's administration, notified him of the GOP memo last week and expressed concerns about it. After conferring with the Justice Department and state Attorney General's office, Thompson sent a four-page memo to local election officials Friday that makes it clear that poll watchers are forbidden by law to question or challenge voters directly and that election officials are not to require would-be voters to provide proof of eligibility, as the GOP memo seeks.	Commercial Appeal		

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													The state Democratic Chair said the challenges targeted African American voters.			

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State Suppression	Yes								Yes	Texas	6-Oct-04		Students at historically black college Prairie View A & M filed several lawsuits against a Texas district attorney for making comments that he would prosecute students that falsely declared the school as their place of residency. In 1979, the US Supreme Court ruled in favor of Prairie View A & M, upholding a student's right to vote.	Los Angeles Sentinel		
Challenges	Yes									Utah	18-Jun-04	congressional primary	An immigration-issues group is mounting a last-minute bid to challenge hundreds of foreign-born voters in Utah's Republican primary Tuesday. The effort is the work of ProjectUSA, based in Washington, D.C. The Utah voter challenge would require those singled out in the state's 3rd Congressional District by ProjectUSA to confirm at the polls that they are U.S. citizens and registered voters. State elections director Amy Naccarato is concerned ProjectUSA might scare off some legitimate voters.	Deseret Morning News	The Washington-based immigration issues group ProjectUSA has backed down on its plan to challenge blocs of Utah voters in areas with high immigrant populations. Craig Nelsen, president of ProjectUSA, had said he intended to challenge the voters in Utah's 3rd Congressional District based on concerns that illegal immigrants would vote for Congressman Chris Cannon in Tuesday's primary. Nelsen said Friday that after analyzing voter registration rolls and U.S. Census Bureau data for Utah's 3rd Congressional District, his group "didn't find any (patterns) that would warrant a challenge." Election officials in Salt Lake and Utah counties echoed Naccarato's relief Friday afternoon that no challenge had been filed. Attorneys in both counties had been scrambling to review the legality of any such challenges. "Our biggest concern was the message it was sending to voters," said Utah County Clerk Jim Jackson. "It almost smacked of discrimination against a group. That's just not right."	Deseret Morning News, June 19, 2004
Challenges					County Clerk					Utah	6-Nov-04	congressional	The Republican candidate challenged the legal registration of 1,495 residents of the Holladay-area neighborhoods in the days before the election. 1,494 were Democrats, and one was from the American Party. The County Clerk determined the claims were groundless and said he could be subject to a charge of voter intimidation.	Salt Lake Tribune		

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State Suppression		Yes			Court					Washin	20-Dec-04	gubernatorial	Procedures for validating ballot signatures vary widely from county to county in Washington state, a fact that has become significant given the razor-thin margin of the governor's race. A survey by The Seattle Times showed that counties use different procedures for evaluating signatures, the newspaper reported Sunday. More than 3,400 absentee and provisional ballots in Washington were rejected in the November election because the signatures didn't match those on file with elections officials. The state Supreme Court last week rejected an argument by the Democratic Party that counties have disenfranchised voters by handling mismatched signatures so differently.	AP		
State Suppression										Washin	20-Dec-04	gubernatorial	King County election workers were told as early as May that if an absentee ballot came in without a matching signature on file they were required to make a concerted effort to verify that the vote was valid. Before a special election in May, King County election workers routinely violated state law by counting such ballots without making any attempt to verify the signatures. In this November's general election, the county's absentee-ballot staff still didn't make the effort to find matching signatures. But instead of counting the ballots automatically, they rejected them.	Seattle Times		
Challenges	Yes			Press						Washin	31-Mar-05		A Soap Lake man is challenging the voting credentials of hundreds of Washington voters, saying he thinks they're illegal immigrants who registered and cast ballots illegally. But Martin Ringhofer may have a hard time proving the challenges he has filed in Spokane and 10 other Washington counties. For one thing, there's the methodology of his research. Ringhofer said he obtained a list of people who registered to vote when they obtained or renewed a driver's license, then culled the list for names "that appear to be from outside the United States," particularly those that appeared to be Hispanic or Asian. For another, there's the fact that many of the people on his list are citizens. In fact, The Spokesman-Review contacted a dozen of the 161 people on Ringhofer's Spokane County list, and all of them are citizens.	Spokesman Review		

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Challenges			Voters		BOE				Yes	Washin-gton	5-Nov-05	county	Elections officials said hundreds of angry voters called to complain about a Republican backed effort challenging their right to vote. Several voters said the GOP County Vice-Chair was wrong that their registrations did not have their legitimate address. Those voters challenged will have to either re-submit registration forms or when challenged, vote by provisional ballot. Democrats called it a voter intimidation and suppression effort.	Seattle Post-Intelligencer	The GOP withdrew 140 of 1500 claims, admitting they were faulty. Democrats charged that Republicans' real aim was to discourage voters from voting. Voters whose registrations were challenged will have to vote by paper and the Canvassing Board will conduct hearings on whether the votes should count. Challenged voters may make their case at the hearings, at which the burden of proof is on the Republican challengers.	Seattle Post-Intelligencer, November 8, 2005
Challenges		Yes		County					Yes	Washin-gton	10-Nov-05	presiden-tial	A county councilman asks the county prosecutor to investigate whether a Republican challenger committed perjury in filing some of the challenges without justification. The challenger was the head of the county GOP's Voter Registration Integrity Project" which challenged the registrations of 1,944 voters saying they were registered at private mailbox businesses and storage complexes. Many of the challenges turned out to be baseless. Others did not know it was illegal. Those voters had to file a challenge ballot. The validity of those ballots will be determined at a canvassing board hearing. County Democrats claim the challenges were an attempt to intimidate and disenfranchise voters.	Seattle Times		
Federal Agents			Defendants in case							West Virginia	31-May-05	primary	Defendants in a vote buying case allege that federal agents intimidated voters by videotaping and photographing voters as they visited the polls	AP		
State Suppression		Yes								Wisconsin	13-Oct-04	presiden-tial	Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker, citing vote-fraud concerns, is publicly balking at a City of Milwaukee request for almost 260,000 additional ballots in anticipation of high turnout for the Nov. 2 presidential election. Mayor Tom Barrett blasted Walker's stance, and Common Council President Willie Hines Jr. immediately joined in, saying it was an attempt to suppress the central-city vote.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel		
Third Party Suppression	Yes			State						Wisconsin	27-Oct-04	presiden-tial	Federation for American Immigration Reform sent Michigan residents to Wisconsin voter registration stations set up by an immigrant rights groups to see whether an illegal immigrant was registering illegal voters. The group said it refused to register the Michigan voters and if they insisted they discarded their forms. Prosecutors will check to ensure the registrations were not mailed in.	AP		

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Challenges					City Attorney/D A	BOE - dismissed				Wisconsin	29-Oct-04	presidential	<p>Although the Board of Elections refused a request by the state Republican Party to have 5,618 names and addresses removed from Milwaukee voting lists, the party plans to challenge anyone who tries to vote from those addresses at the polls. A Journal Sentinel review shows many of the names and addresses confirmed some of the problems cited by the GOP, as well as uncovered additional missing addresses. Some cited by the GOP may be explained by clerical errors, however.</p>	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	<p>Amid a renewed push Friday by Republicans to get some 5,600 names removed from Milwaukee voting lists, prosecutors began examining 500 new registrants that a city review indicated are from non-existent addresses. The same review by the city attorney's office, however, raised doubts about the quality of the GOP's original list, finding that hundreds of the addresses that the Republicans claim are invalid and want removed do, in fact, exist. Some others, according to City Attorney Grant Langley, can be explained by data entry errors, not attempted fraud. Late Friday, Langley outlined the review situation in a letter to Lisa Artison, head of the city Election Commission.</p> <p>The letter said the review by his staff and the district attorney's office found cases where the database used by the GOP was corrupted, dropping digits on some homes so otherwise valid addresses showed up as non-existent. In other cases, a check of the original handwritten registration cards showed digits had been transposed by clerks, something that can be corrected at the polls.</p> <p>Langley's letter says the review casts "doubt on the overall accuracy" of the GOP list and the way it was compiled. At least some of the addresses will be investigated for possible fraud, however.</p> <p>Republican and City of Milwaukee leaders reached an agreement Sunday ending a faceoff over thousands of registered voters with questionable addresses.</p> <p>2) Under an agreement reached, a list of 5,512 prospective city voters whose addresses are questionable will be distributed to polling places. Those on the list who show up to vote will be asked to fill out a change of address card or registration form, and to show proof of residency – a driver's license, utility bill or some other document showing an address – before casting their ballot. Anyone without proof of residency at an address on the list will have to take an oath, and that person's ballot will be marked as being challenged by the poll worker.</p>	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, October 30, 2004

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Challenges		Yes								Wisconsin	31-Oct-04	presidential	Citing a new list of more than 37,000 questionable addresses, the state Republican Party demanded that city officials require identification from all of those voters. If the city doesn't, the party says it is prepared to have volunteers challenge each individual -- including thousands who might be missing an apartment number on their registration -- at the polls. Democrats say this is a last minute effort to suppress turnout by creating long delays at the polls. This is in addition to the 5,619 bad addresses the party claimed. The state GOP chair said they had just focussed on Milwaukee because its voter list is a mess and cause for great alarm.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel		
Suppression									Yes	Wisconsin	2-Nov-04	presidential	The tires of 30 vans Republicans had rented to help get out the vote were slashed.	AP		

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Nexis Articles - Noncitizen Voting

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Maricopa County	Arizona	5-Nov-05		159 noncitizens were found on the voting rolls. The county recorder said all of the cases involved people who misunderstood voting requirements. The county attorney nonetheless has charged ten of the immigrants with felonies.	LA Times						
Compton	California	12-Feb-02	mayor and city council	After an election legal challenge, two incumbents who originally lost were reinstated. In her ruling, the judge said numerous noncitizens voted illegally.	Los Angeles Times						
Pontiac	Michigan	11-Dec-01	mayor	Losing candidate claims there was "suspect" noncitizen voting	Detroit Free Press						
	Minnesota	23-Feb-05	presidential	Secretary of State Kiffmeyer said that she has asked several county attorneys across Minnesota to investigate evidence her staff uncovered that suggests some noncitizens illegally registered to vote in the November election. "So far, at least, we have 32 people who have registered to vote and seem to be -- allegedly -- not U.S. citizens," Kiffmeyer said. Some of the 32 also voted in the election. Both registering and voting are illegal for noncitizens. Kiffmeyer said her staff discovered the possible criminal offenses by comparing voter registration cards to driver's license records, which now identify noncitizens visiting the United States on visas.	Saint Paul Pioneer Press						
	North Carolina	24-Oct-04		A Washington-based advocacy group for tougher immigration laws recently said that it believes illegal immigrants may be registered to vote in North Carolina because they were able to sign up when obtaining driver's licenses without Social Security numbers. State elections and Division of Motor Vehicles officials say they've run two checks - one in 2002 and again this year - of people who received driver's licenses without proof of citizenship and found only a handful who had registered to vote. Those cases are being investigated, they said.	AP						
Houston	Texas	28-Jan-05	state house	Republican representative ousted narrowly by Democratic opponent alleges there was noncitizen voting in the election	Dallas Morning News						
	Utah	30-Aug-05		The Attorney General will investigate allegations in a legislative audit that found evidence of fourteen people believed to be noncitizens who have voted in a past election. The auditors office has said that a follow up investigation found that 6 of the 14 were actually citizens, two were confirmed by immigration authorities as having prior deportation orders and the other 6 are still under review. Of the six that were citizens, three had their Social Security numbers mistyped in the database and three were naturalized citizens.	Desert Morning News						

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City / County	State	Date	Type of Election	Alleged instance of fraud	Original Source	Source1	Source 2	Source 3	Resolution of incident / allegation	Source of Resolution 1	Source of Resolution 2
Phillips County	Arkansas	2-Nov-02		The state Republican Party alleges five convicted felons voted, four of them in early voting	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette						
Sacramento	California	12-Sep-04	gubernatorial	For the first time since 1994, a man was charged with three counts of registering to vote while on parole and a fourth count of voting in the recall election.	Sacramento Bee						
	Colorado	25-Mar-05		In a survey of counties, 13 counties had referred 69 cases of possible felon voting to county attorneys. Denver County referred 52 cases of felon voting.	Denver Post						
	Florida	29-Oct-04	presidential	Florida's Republican Party says it has a list of 925 felons who have voted illegally or are planning to. The information could be used to challenge voters. The GOP found the allegedly illegal voters by starting with the same flawed set of names the state compiled in order to purge the rolls -- that list was scrapped when its inaccuracies were exposed. Democrats and civil rights groups suggested that Republicans wanted to use the list to intimidate black Democrats from going to the polls. The party took the initial state list of voters and compared it to the Florida Parole Commission names of felons rights who had been restored	Miami Herald						
Okaloosa	Florida	19-Oct-05		Man is accused of registering to vote in Okaloosa County in 1999 and casting a ballot in November 2002, even though he had been convicted of a felony offense of selling illegal drugs in Colorado in 1980, said Michele Nicholson, spokeswoman for the Okaloosa County sheriff's department. It is illegal for felons to vote in Florida unless their rights have been restored	Miami Herald						
Port Deposit	Maryland	8-Jun-03	mayor	Losing candidate alleges people convicted of crimes were allowed to vote. The chief election official of the town dismissed the allegations.	Baltimore Sun						

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	Oklahoma	22-May-05	presidential	<p>A death row inmate and a child pornographer are among about 2,500 felons who remained on Oklahoma voting rolls after their convictions; The Oklahoman re-ported on Sunday.</p> <p>Records show some felons have voted, even though it's illegal while they're serving their sentences.</p> <p>"It's a huge problem," said state Rep. Mike Reynolds, who estimates as many as 16,000 felons are on voting rolls.</p> <p>About 1,100 may have voted in last year's general election. An exact count is difficult - in part because voters sometimes sign the wrong lines in poll books. Most significantly, the Oklahoma State Election Board has ignored the notices from U.S. prosecutors in Oklahoma and other states.</p> <p>Thousands are filed away in a back room. The law is unclear whether voting rights can be stripped after a guilty plea or only after sentencing.</p> <p>Some convicts are unsure about their voting status, and judges rarely explain it to them at sentencing.</p>	AP								
Davidson	Tennessee	12-Jan-05	presidential	<p>31 provisional voters were found to be felons whose voting rights had not been restored. The county election commission is debating action.</p>	Nashville City Paper								
Falfurrias	Texas	11-Sep-04	city	<p>Three indicted on illegal voting charges were ineligible to vote because they were convicted felons who lost voting privileges. One said she has been on probation for two years, and said she did not know that she was ineligible to vote because officials in the local voter registration office approved a replacement voter registration card before the city election.</p>	Corpus Christi Caller Times								
Norfolk	Virginia	14-Jan-04	unclear	<p>Man convicted in 1986 for larceny by check votes after being notified he had been taken off the voter rules. He entered a plea of illegal voting; State Attorney General says he has never prosecuted or seen such a case during his five years on the election board</p>	Hampton Roads News								
King	Washington	29-Apr-05	gubernatorial	<p>In its case to overturn the election, Republicans allege 736 King County felons illegally cast ballots, and another 220 illegal felon votes were cast elsewhere. Knowingly casting an illegal vote is a crime, but several felon votes said they were unaware they could not vote.</p>	Seattle Post-Intelligencer						See summary of Washington		

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Milwaukee	Wisconsin	10-May-05	presidential	investigators say they have evidence of 200 felons voting illegally	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel						Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Hanna	Wyoming	27-Apr-01	mayor	State Division of Criminal Investigation says convicted felons allegedly voted	AP							

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Nexis Articles - Wrongful Removal from Registration Lists

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City / County	State	Date	Type of Election	Alleged Instance of fraud	Original Source	Source1	Source 2	Source 3	Resolution of Incident / allegation	Source of Resolution 1	Source of Resolution 2
Pulaski	Arkansas	16-Apr-04		The US Department of Justice says county officials have violated election law and proposed a consent decree with the county regarding ballot gathering and counting. The Department investigated registration practices that may have disenfranchised numerous voters, including sending voters to multiple poll sites and voters wrongly missing from the registration list. Under the agreement, the county will fix the problems in the database and DOJ lawyers will monitor polling places and the clerk's office	AP						
	Colorado	31-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats are complaining about an attempt to remove up to 6,000 convicted felons from the electoral roll, at the behest of the state's Republican secretary of state, Donetta Davidson, despite a US federal law that prohibits eliminating a voter's rights within 90 days of an election to give time for the voter to protest.	The Observer						
	Florida	29-Sep-04	presidential	Secretary of State Hood tried to revive the discredited 2000 statewide purge list of suspected felons and ex-felons for 2004. That list disproportionately removed black voters from the rolls. The state tried to keep the list secret until forced to release it by court order. When it was released, it was found to contain a disproportionate number of black voters, including 2,000 who had had their rights restored and included several people who could show they had not criminal record at all. In addition, the list of 48,000 contained only 61 Hispanic names, way out of line with the strength of both the general Hispanic population and prison population. Hood was forced to drop the list	The Independent (UK)						
Newark	New Jersey	2-Nov-04	presidential	More than 200 voters sought court orders because they were turned away from a polling place, mostly because their names were not on voter lists. In 95% of the cases the judges ruled they could cast ballots.	AP						
Albany	New York	2-Nov-04	presidential	Students at SUNY Albany found their names no longer on the voter registration rolls, even though they had voted at the same location in the past	AP						

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Phoenix	Arizona	11-Dec-04	presidential	A Phoenix resident, a registered Democrat, says he received a call three days before the election that he was supposed to cast a ballot across town, 30 miles away, which was wrong. Legal experts believe thousands of other Arizonans received similar calls and are investigating whether the state Republican Party was the source. The Republican Party denies it.	Arizona Republic						
Tucson	Arizona	11-Dec-04	presidential	A voter found a message on her voting machine telling him to go to the wrong polling place. Using the "last number" dial back feature she got the local Republican headquarters.	Arizona Republic						
Jefferson	Colorado	24-Oct-04	presidential	Voters in Jefferson County have received calls from someone posing as an election official and instructing them to throw away their absentee ballots.	Denver Post						
	Florida	19-Jul-04		Election administrators post signs saying "Photo and Signature Identification Required" when those without such ID may vote by affidavit ballot	St Petersburg Times						
	Florida	31-Oct-04	presidential	Rumors have been circulated that people can't vote if they have outstanding child-support statements	New York Post						
Volusia	Florida	2-Nov-04	presidential	The Chair of the Election Assistance Commission was given a flyer distributed in a black neighborhood directing voters to the wrong address for polling stations, giving the contact information for the local NAACP	The New York Sun						
	Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	From throughout the state, election officials said there were reports of voters receiving phone calls incorrectly telling them their polling places had been moved, or that they weren't allowed to vote. In Osceola County, voting-rights attorney Fatimah Gilliam said some voters received automated phone calls saying that their polling place was closed. The precinct, at the Robert Guevara Community Center in Buenaventura Lakes, is located in a predominantly Hispanic and highly Democratic neighborhood. In rural Lafayette County, Election Supervisor Lana B. Morgan said some voters reported people going door-to-door to tell them they needed to go to another county to vote -- information that Morgan said was both wrong and dangerous.	Orlando Sentinel						
	Florida	17-Nov-04	presidential	DNC Chair says phone calls were received by Democratic Party-aligned voters in Florida telling them to send their absentee ballots in only after Election Day was over.	Ethnic Newswatch						
	Florida	11-Dec-04	presidential	Some voters reported they were told they could vote by phone	Arizona Republic						
New Orleans	Louisiana	12-Dec-02	US Senate	The Landrieu campaign said a pamphlet was circulated in New Orleans public housing complexes just before the runoff. The document said: "Vote!!! Bad Weather? No problem!!! If the weather is uncomfortable on election day (Saturday December 7th) Remember you can wait and cast your ballot on Tuesday December 10th." Anyone who waited past Saturday, however, missed the chance to vote.	Times-Picayune						

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Baltimore	Maryland	4-Nov-02	gubernatorial	Democrats produced fliers they said was circulating in some neighborhoods that reminded people to vote on Wednesday -- the day after election day -- and advised them to pay any parking tickets and overdue rent before they could vote	Washington Post						
Ann Arbor	Michigan	2-Nov-04	presidential	The Secretary of State had to put out a statement about where to send absentee ballots after voters in Ann Arbor received calls telling them to mail the ballots to the wrong address	AP						
Clark	Nevada	2-Nov-04	presidential	15-20 Democrats received calls claiming to be from the Board of Elections in which voters were told their poll site had moved. One woman contacted the party Monday and said a group of people visited her home over the weekend and told her that if she filled out her sample ballot, they would deliver it to the election division and save her a trip to the polls today. Hispanic residents have complained of phone calls from Republican representatives who said they can register their vote over the phone, Nevada Democratic Party spokesman Jon Summers said.	Las Vegas Review Journal						
Passaic	New Jersey	4-Dec-01	sheriff	Federal monitor reports that voters in Passaic City and Patterson received phone calls reminding them, falsely, that they would need identification such as a drivers license to vote. He said it seemed aimed at minority voters.	The Record						
	New Mexico	25-Oct-04	presidential	In a mass mailing, the Republican National Committee is citing Hispanic voter registration campaigns in New Mexico as proof that "Democrats...will cheat in order to win."	Washington Post						
	Ohio	26-Oct-04	presidential	In Ohio, within little more than a week, the Board of Elections in Cuyahoga County received complaints of voters being contacted by people they said claimed to be from the election board: One Cleveland woman said her mother got a call from such a man telling her, falsely, that the location of her polling station had changed. Another woman said two men posing as election officials knocked on her door and said they had come to pick up her absentee ballot. An elderly woman in a suburban senior center complained about a call telling her the Nov. 2 election had been postponed until Nov. 3. The deputy director of the Board of Elections in Franklin County, which includes the capital Columbus, said his office was getting similar calls. At first they were "sporadic," he said, but now there are "a lot of them."	Los Angeles Times						
	Ohio	28-Oct-04	presidential	State officials say people have been impersonating party and elections officials on the phone directing people to go to the wrong polling place or to vote November 3. Tricks appeared targeted at African Americans, senior citizens and new voters. Democrats say Republican plans to engage in mass challenges is an effort to deny minorities access to the polls.	UPI						

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Lake County	Ohio	29-Oct-04	presidential	A memo with a Lake County Board of Elections letterhead tells residents not to vote if registered by certain Democratic or progressive groups. Many voters received an "urgent advisory" claiming voters registered by the NAACP, the Democratic presidential campaign, their local congressional campaign, or America Coming Together are not eligible to vote	Cleveland Plain Dealer						
	Ohio	31-Oct-04	presidential	In Franklin, both Democrats and Republicans have been receiving phone calls from phony Board of Elections workers telling them that their polling places have been changed. A Republican spokesman say that Ohio Republicans have received calls telling them their absentee ballots will be picked up by election workers, which is illegal. In West Dayton, Democrats received calls reminding them to vote on November 5, three days after the election.	New York Post						
Cleveland	Ohio	3-Nov-04	presidential	In a suburb of Cleveland, some voters reported being told that "if they went in to vote and had any traffic violations, they would be arrested or fined," said Chellie Pingree, president of Common Cause.	Chicago Tribune						
	Oregon	10-Nov-04	presidential	There are more than a dozen allegations of that would-be voters's registration cards were destroyed, altered or thrown away by canvassers. The cases are under investigation by the AG.	AP						
Philadelphia	Pennylvania	25-Oct-04	presidential	An official said at a meeting of the city election board that he had received calls from about 30 longtime voters who said that they had received calls from someone telling them not to bother going to the polls because their registrations had expired. They had not.	Philadelphia Inquirer						
Allegheny	Pennsylvania	28-Oct-04	presidential	At the Ross Park Mall people are distributing leaflets printed on bogus, but official-looking, county stationery telling Republicans to vote Tuesday, Nov. 2, and Democrats to wait a day. The election will be over on Nov. 3. The fliers have succeeded in spreading confusion, and county officials spent parts of Wednesday fielding phone calls from residents. Officials say the fliers also turned up in mailboxes of homes in the North Hills. The letter reads in part: "Due to the immense voter turnout that is expected on Tuesday November 2 the state of Pennsylvania has requested and extended the voting period ... Voters will be able to vote on both November 2 and November 3." The letter is signed by "Anne Ryan," and a phone number on the flier rings in Tampa, Fla. Workers there reached by telephone denied any knowledge of the flier. Police are investigating.	Pittsburgh Tribune Review						
Westmoreland	Pennsylvania	3-Nov-04	presidential	Lawyers working for the Election Protection program got a call that in Westmoreland a radio station told listeners that people who had outstanding warrants against them would not be allowed to vote.	The New York Times						

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	Pennsylvania	3-Nov-04	presidential	Dorm residents at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania reported that a doctored version of an Associated Press news article left the impression that out-of-state students voting in Pennsylvania could be forced to repay state grants because of a residency controversy. It was unclear which group was orchestrating the false information, but both of the targeted universities are in heavily Democratic areas.	Knight-Ridder							
Columbia	South Carolina	1-Nov-04	presidential	Election Protection reports on a faked letter using NAACP letterhead that claims that those with an outstanding parking ticket or unpaid child support will be arrested if they vote.	Cox News Service							
	South Carolina	2-Nov-04	presidential	AP reported on a letter that falsely purported to be from the South Carolina NAACP to black voters, saying they couldn't vote if they owed more than \$50 in parking tickets	The New York Sun							
	South Carolina	3-Nov-04	presidential	A leaflet claiming to be issued by the NAACP warned residents that if they had outstanding traffic violations or had not submitted credit reports one week prior to the election, they would be barred from voting and could be arrested.	The New York Times							
	Virginia	31-Oct-04	presidential	Rumors have been circulated that police are setting up sting operations at polls to find any voters who are also on the outstanding warrants list.	New York Post							
Fredericksburg	Virginia	9-Nov-05	gubernatorial	Elections registrars receive many complaints of voters getting phone calls telling them falsely that their polling precinct had changed.	Free Lance Star							
Richmond	Virginia	9-Nov-05	gubernatorial	Residents report door-hangers with false precinct information on them	Free Lance Star							
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	31-Oct-04	presidential	In Wisconsin, a flier is circulating in Milwaukee's black neighborhoods that purports to be from the "Milwaukee Black Voters League." "If you've already voted in any election this year, you can't vote in the presidential election," the flier reads. "If you violate any of these laws, you can get ten years in prison and your children will get taken away from you."	Washington Post							
Madison	Wisconsin	27-Oct-05	presidential	Republicans ask the US attorney to investigate a letter a voter received claiming to be from the Republican National Committee and urging a vote for John Kerry	AP							

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City / County	State	Date	Type of Election	Alleged instance of fraud	Original Source	Source1	Source 2	Source 3	Resolution of incident / allegation	Source of Resolution 1	Source of Resolution 2
Phenix City	Alabama	31-Aug	municipal	The Attorney General and DA are investigating allegations of buying of absentee ballot votes	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer						
Pulaski	Arkansas	29-Aug-02	US House	Candidate says opposing campaign's consultant was paying residents of black nursing homes to cast absentee ballots and trying to skew the vote of black voting precincts in some cases.	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette						
Washington Park	Illinois	17-May-01	village	Candidate alleges that one voter was paid not to vote after being paid to vote absentee and two other people, possibly noncitizens, were paid for absentee ballots.	Belleville News-Democrat						
East St. Louis	Illinois	30-Jun-05	county	5 convicted of conspiring to buy votes with cash, cigarettes and liquor	Chicago Sun Times						
Berrien County	Indiana	16-Apr-05	city commission	A Berrien County Judge Friday overturned the recall of Glenn Yarbrough in a civil trial against the city of Benton Harbor and Clerk Jean Nesbitt. In his ruling, Judge Paul Maloney said the true will of the people was violated by gross voter fraud in February's recall election. He cited bought votes, forged ballots, and jobs promised in return for "yes" votes, crimes allegedly committed by someone other than Yarbrough.	South Bend Tribune						
Clay	Kentucky	24-Oct-02	county	federal prosecutors are investigating absentee vote buying	Courier Journal						
	Kentucky	6-Nov-02	primary	In Knott County, there were nearly a dozen complaints in the primary alleging vote-selling for drugs, said assistant commonwealth's attorney Lori Daniel, but no one has admitted it. She said the attorney general's office has a pending investigation in Knott County. Reports of vote-buying also were reported in Magoffin, Pike and Floyd counties during the primary.	Courier Journal				1. August 2003 two acquitted of vote buying in the primary. In June 2003 another man in Lackey was found innocent of vote buying. Two indicted in Knott County pled guilty earlier in August 2003. 15 still under indictment 2. February 3, 2004: Knott County man sentenced to 20 months in prison for vote buying in the 1998 primary. The Knott County Judge-Executive and another man were convicted October 1 of vote buying	August 16, 2003, Courier Journal	AP February 3, 2004
London	Kentucky	16-Sep-04	2002 judicial	Man found guilty of paying \$10 each to a group in a church parking lot after voting	AP						
Winnfield	Louisiana	12-Apr-02	police chief and mayor	Losing candidate accuses opponent of paying ten people to vote	Daily Town Talk						
Marksville	Louisiana	15-May-02	mayoral	Two men accused of buying votes for small amounts of money	AP				1. Both were convicted. 2. One of the accused had his conviction overturned by the 3rd circuit	1. Daily Town Talk, September 21, 2002 2. Daily Town Talk, April 3, 2003	
Iberville	Louisiana	13-Dec-02	primary	Iberville Parish Councilman Howard Oubre Jr. and three other Plaquemine residents were arrested Thursday for allegedly paying people to vote absentee in a recent election. Oubre went into the community and solicited people to vote absentee in the Oct. 5 primary election. Oubre allegedly paid these people between \$3 and \$10	The Advocate	1					

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River Rouge	Michigan	4-Apr-04	mayoral	State police are looking into allegations that the mayor's supporters offered payments o up to \$25 for absentee votes	Yahoo News						
Ingham	Michigan	6-Oct-04	presidential	The Michigan Republican Party accused Michael Moore of bribing students to vote in the presidential election. The party sent letter to prosecutors in four counties. As part of his tour, Moore tossed out packets of low-priced instant noodles and 12-packs of Hanes briefs to students who promised they would vote.	Lansing State Journal						
Detroit	Michigan	15-Dec-05	mayoral	Detroit's top elections official said Wednesday she is concerned that people may have sold votes on the eve of the city's Nov. 8 election, and said she may ask the Wayne County prosecutor to investigate. Gloria Williams, director of elections for City Clerk Jackie Currie, cited a Nov. 7 incident in which a Detroit man told police he thought he witnessed a scheme to pay people for votes as he stood in line to cast an absentee ballot. Detroit police took a report from the man but closed the case without further contact with the suspects or witnesses. A woman cited in the police report said nothing improper happened - political activists were coordinating with poll workers. Williams said the question is whether the people were required to vote a cer-tain way in exchange for jobs handing out literature and promoting candidates at voting places the next day.	Detroit Free Press						
Tippah	Mississippi	27-Mar-04	sheriff	Seven people have been charged for buying people's votes on absentee ballots	AP						
East St. Louis	Missouri	2-Jun-05	mayoral	A precinct committeeman and four others are on trial, accused of using money from the County Democrats to buy votes	St. Louis Post-Dispatch				5 Democratic operatives were convicted, four pled guilty	Belleville News Democrat (July 3, 2005)	
Lenoir	North Carolina	9-Mar-03	sheriff	For \$ 10, \$ 20 or \$ 25, dozens of people -- perhaps more than 300 -- sold their votes in a race that saw a veteran Democratic sheriff turned out of office. The State Bureau of Investigation has been on the case for months, assigning as many as 10 agents to it. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlotte is also involved. So far, there have been no indictments.	News and Observer						

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Rosebud Indian Reservation	South Dakota	23-Dec-02	US Senate	<p>Republicans investigating Election Day irregularities in South Dakota based allegations of vote buying on rumors discussed on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, says David Norcross, a New Jersey lawyer who presided over the search for fraud.</p> <p>Republicans collected statements on a wide range of events, including accusations of people offering multiple names to vote and improper use of polling places by Democratic workers. The most serious claims, however, were three affidavits signed by Native Americans from the Mission area who said they were offered \$10 to vote by the driver of a van with a Tim Johnson for Senate sign in the window.</p> <p>Attorney General Mark Barnett has said that two of those statements were false and the third was suspect, but not before the allegations became the basis of reports in several national media outlets.</p>	Argus Leader				<p>Republican attorneys fanned out across the state on Election Day to gather affidavits to show vote buying. The State Attorney General (a Republican) says that of the 50 affidavits only three alleged criminal activity, and two of those proved to be false. One person is being investigated. Two of the affidavits were found to have been forged or perjurious. Each affidavit states that the person allegedly signing it claimed to have been picked up by a van driver, offered 10 to vote, taken to the polling place and home again and again offered the 10. Most of the allegations focused on the Rosebud Reservation</p>	1/1/2003, Indian Country Today (Lakota Times)	
Pine Ridge Reservation	South Dakota	2-Nov-04	presidential	On the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, investigators are looking into Republican allegations of vote-buying.	AP						
Gregg	Texas	9-Sep-03	constitutional amendment	DA is investigating an employer for allegedly giving concert tickets to workers who cast early ballots	Tyler Morning Telegraph						
McAllen	Texas	20-Aug-05	mayoral	Grand jury is investigating whether "politiqueras" tried to buy absentee ballots	The Monitor						
Hidalgo	Texas	22-Dec-05	mayoral	Ten people were indicted on allegations of telling people who to vote for and unlawful solicitation of ballots for money.	AP						
Falfurrias	Texas	11-Sep-04	city	Candidate alleges the opposing campaign bribed some voters with money, beer and cigarettes in exchange for their votes, according to his lawsuit contesting the election	Corpus Christie Caller Times						
Appalachia	Virginia	11-May-05	council	State police are looking at claims that supporters of a candidate offered food, cigarettes and liquor to residents in a public housing complex for letting the supporter fill out absentee ballots for them	The Post				A special prosecutor was named to oversee an investigation into alleged vote buying and ballot theft in Appalachia	Roanoke Times, September 24, 2004	
Logan	West Virginia	19-Jul-04	federal primaries	County sheriff pleads guilty to conspiring to buy votes in elections he was running in	AP						
Lincoln	West Virginia	31-May-05	primary	12 people are indicted for selling their votes for \$20 or \$40.	AP						
Logan	West Virginia	29-Nov-05	various	Logan County Clerk plans to plead guilty to conspiring to bribe voters between 1992 and 2002. Prosecutors already have guilty pleas from the county sheriff and the police chief.	AP						
Logan	West Virginia	2-Dec-05	House primary	FBI operates a sting operation by putting up a phony candidate to catch a man engaging in buying votes. Man is being tried for conspiracy to buy votes	Washington Post						

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	West Virginia	1-Jan-06		Thirteen people have been convicted of vote buying in the southern part of West Virginia over the last several years, including the 2004 primaries. However, the federal investigation is ongoing. In terms of cooperating witnesses, prosecutors may also continue to rely on Thomas Esposito. In an apparently unprecedented move, the FBI briefly planted the former longtime Logan mayor as a candidate in a 2004 legislative race. Evidence supplied by Esposito and his 75-day candidacy yielded December guilty pleas from two Logan County residents	AP						
Hanna	Wyoming	27-Apr-01	mayoral	State Division of Criminal Investigation said gratuities, such as alcoholic beverages, were allegedly offered in exchange for votes.	AP						
									1. August 2003 two acquitted of vote buying in the primary. In June 2003 another man in Lackey was found innocent of vote buying. Two indicted in Knott County pled guilty earlier in August 2003. 15 still under indictment 2. February 3, 2004: Knott County man sentenced to 20 months in prison for vote buying in the 1998 primary. The Knott County Judge-Executive and another man were convicted October 1 of vote buying	August 16, 2003, Courier Journal	AP February 3, 2004

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		Federal						Yes		Arkansas	23-Oct-02		At least six dead people tried to register to vote, including one helped by a person also listed on campaign-spending reports as having received \$100 from the state Democratic party, said Marty Ryall, Republican Party chairman. Michael Cook, executive director of the Arkansas Democratic Party, said a former staffer had hired two teenagers to register voters and that they took names directly from the phone book. He said the incident happened seven months ago and that party officials are cooperating with the U.S. Attorney's Office.	Washington Times				
				1				Yes		California	16-May-02		A Lafayette man has been charged with voter fraud after registering his toy poodle, Barnabas, to vote, a move he says was meant to show lax registration oversight. Donald Miller, 78, has been charged with misdemeanor voter fraud. The Contra Costa County district attorney's office found out about the stunt after reports about Barnabas being called for jury duty in March.	AP				
									18th CD	California	3-Jun-02	congressional	Several voters have said they were tricked into registering to vote as Republicans when they were told they were signing a petition to lower taxes or applying for a rebate from the power company or some other falsehood.	Roll Call				
						1			Stockton	California	13-Jul-02	congressional	A Stockton man hired to register Republican voters pleaded guilty to forging someone's name on a voter registration card. The conviction is the first arising from a Republican funded voter registration drive that Democrats allege involved fraud.	Modesto Bee				
				8				Yes	Lynwood	California	16-Oct-03	city council	Eight family members of a councilman are charged with registering at nonexistent addresses	Los Angeles Times				
						1			Stockton	California	24-Mar-	unclear	paid worker pleads guilty to a misdemeanor charge of forging six registration cards in 2001	Recordnet				
		State								California	20-Oct-04	presidential	Solano County elections officers, suspecting fraud, have sent about 150 voter registration forms to the California Secretary of State's Office for examination. Officials say the questionable forms are the products of intense efforts by both Democrats and Republicans to register voters for the upcoming presidential election. That zeal, further fueled by cash given to so-called "bounty hunters" who sign up voters, may lead to intentional errors on voter forms, officials said - a misspelled name, a fabricated street address, a rearranged Social Security number.	Tri-Valley Herald (Pleasanton, CA)				
				1				Yes	Hayward City	California	1-Nov-05	school board	Roger Treskunoff, 51, a former school board candidate and former Hayward City Councilman was charged with creating fictitious names and registering those names as voters with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters.	Contra Costa Times				

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						1			San Joaquin	California	March 24, 2005; 6/16/2005	state senate	County says it is examining 1500 voter registration cards for fraud because of similar looking signatures.	Recordnet		June 2005: Paid worker charged with five felony counts of forging voter registration cards (none resulted in fraudulent votes) He admittedly forged 35 voter registration cards in 2004 when he was being paid \$5 for each voter he registered.	Modesto Bee	
		BOE						Yes	Denver	Colorado	16-Oct-04	presidential	A worker at the Election Commission found a registration form with her own name on it. When another form was cross-referenced with Vital Records, it was found to be from a dead person. Denver workers have forwarded 200 suspicious registrants to the DA. The voter outreach coordinator says the computer immediately flags names of voters who have registered more than once. Several other counties have found suspect voter registration forms.	Rocky Mountain News				
	Yes									Colorado	17-Oct-04	presidential	The Secretary of State accused the Attorney General of not doing enough to prosecute potential ballot crimes. The Secretary confirmed that 6,000 felons are registered to vote. A Denver woman told a TV station she had registered to vote 25 times and signed up several friends up to 40 times to help her boyfriend, a paid staffer for a community group registering voters	Atlanta Journal Constitution				
		State						Yes		Colorado	18-Oct-04	presidential	With just two weeks before the Nov. 2 election, the state has been rocked by evidence that some voter-registration drives have submitted applications with forged signatures. In other cases, would-be voters have applied to vote as many as 40 times. At the same time, some registration drives have collected applications and then failed to submit them by the Oct. 4 deadline, prompting Secretary of State Donetta Davidson to announce the use of provisional ballots last week. At yesterday's meeting with county clerks and district attorneys, Mrs. Davidson announced procedures for accepting provisional ballots, which are issued to people who say they have registered but whose names fail to appear on the voter roll. Such ballots would be marked "VRD," for "Voter Registration Drive." The would-be voter would have to produce identification and tell when and where they registered. The ballot later would be checked against the state's voter data-bases. The clerks are referring cases that appear to be blatant fraud, such as forged signatures, to the county attorneys. Bill Ritter, the Denver	Washington Times				
		Local		6				Yes	Denver	Colorado	28-Oct-04	presidential	Denver prosecutors charged two people Wednesday with falsely filling out multiple voter forms to boost their pay in a paid registration drive. Criminal cases are pending against four people for questionable registrations in the metro area, and there may be more before investigations are completed.	Rocky Mountain News				
		State						Yes	Orange	Florida	31-Oct-02	state senate	The State Attorney is investigating charges of illegal changes to party affiliations on voter registration cards for a primary. The scheme seems to have been targeted at Hispanics.	Orlando Sentinel				

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								Yes		Florida	23-Oct-04	presidential	Officials say that more than 4,200 students from many colleges and universities in the state had their party affiliation switched without them knowing and tricked into registering Republican when they were asked to sign an assortment of petitions and forms. Some students attributed the work to a company working for the Republican Party	AP				
		Local						Yes	Duval	Florida	29-Oct-04	presidential	Elections officials asked prosecutors to investigate possible voter fraud involving 25 registration forms with apparently bogus addresses.	Telegraph Herald (IA)				
								Yes		Florida	31-Oct-04	presidential	Students at Florida State and Florida A&M universities, some of whom signed petitions to legalize medical marijuana or impose stiffer penalties for child molesters, unknowingly had their party registration switched to Republican and their addresses changed. Officials say students at the University of Florida in Alachua County have made similar complaints and that about 4,000 potential voters in all have been affected. Local papers have traced some of the problems to a group hired by the Florida Republican Party, which has denounced the shenanigans. Switching voters' party affiliations does not affect their ability to vote, but changing addresses does, because when voters shows up at their proper polling places, they will not be registered there.	Washington Post				
							Charges dismissed as baseless			Florida	15-Dec-05	constitutional amendment	Fourteen months after a campaign to increase Florida's minimum wage drew allegations of voter fraud, a federal judge in South Florida has ruled at least some of those accusations against grass roots political group ACORN were so baseless they amount to defamation. Stuart alleged that ACORN improperly handled registration forms when it conducted voter registration drives, including not submitting Republican registrations to election officials. The judge upheld ACORN's counterclaim that Stuart's lack of evidence made his allegations libel and slander. An investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement also found no evidence of criminal activity at ACORN, department officials confirmed Wednesday.	St. Petersburg Times				
		Federal						Yes	Fulton County	Georgia	4-Nov-05	presidential	The U.S. attorney for Georgia's Northern District is investigating the circumstances surrounding more than 2,400 "entirely fraudulent" voter registration applications submitted to Fulton County prior to the November 2004 elections, county elections officials say. Most of those suspect applications were submitted to the Georgia Secretary of State in September 2004 by the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples' Agenda, according to Atlanta attorney Harry W. MacDougald, a member of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections. Details of the federal investigation surfaced as part of litigation that challenges as unconstitutional Georgia's new voter photo identification law. Common Cause v. Billups. No. 4:05CV201 (N.D. Ga.). MacDougald made the investigation public in an affidavit submitted on behalf of defendants in the case	Fulton County Daily Report				

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		BOE						Yes	Chicago	Illinois	12-Mar-04	primary	Chicago election officials say as many as 2,000 fraudulent voter registrations have turned up in advance of Tuesday's primary election. Two suspects are under investigation, the Chicago Tribune said, both of whom gathered registrations on behalf of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration.	UPI				
Yes							Press investigation finds fraud allegations false		East St. Louis	Illinois	30-Oct-04	supreme court	Illinois Republicans on Friday urged officials to look into "potential instances of massive voter fraud" in East St. Louis, showing pictures of an East St. Louis Democratic precinct committeemen's home that dozens of people registered to vote have listed as their address. But it turns out that that address and another called into question aren't single-family homes but are boarding houses or apartments that may house dozens of people.	St. Louis Post Dispatch				
				1				Yes	Anderson	Indiana	11-Mar-	unclear	Voter registered under the address of his rental property in another town faces perjury charges	WishTV				
				5				Yes	St. Martinville	Louisiana	17-Jul-03	city council	5 people are arraigned on charges of including false information on their voter registration cards	Daily Advertiser				
				1				Yes	St. Martinville	Louisiana	17-Dec-03	city council	City Councilwoman indicted for submitting false information to register to vote during her re-election campaign and persuaded three people not in the district to fill out registration forms; the voters were charged as well.	2 The Advocate				
										Maryland	17-Jun-01		An 82-year-old woman signed her dog's name on a voter registration card to test the system. No charges were filed.	Washington Post				
		Local		1				Yes	Lansing	Michigan	28-Oct-04	presidential	Ingham County sheriff's detectives have turned over to prosecutors the findings of their investigation into hundreds of phony voter registration forms from a state advocacy group. It appeared that some PIRGIM workers went through a Lansing phone book and forged people's signatures on forms	Lansing State Journal	Detroit Free Press September 23, 2004	An eight-month investigation of alleged voter registration fraud has resulted in misdemeanor charges against a Lansing man. Edward Pressley IV, who worked on a voter registration drive sponsored by the environmental group PIRGIM, is accused of submitting a phony registration form to the Ingham County clerk.	Detroit Free Press August 1, 2005	
				17	14	64		Yes	Coates	Minnesota	31-Oct-02	all	94 voter registration forms had false addresses matching a strip club	Washington Times		The strip club's owner is facing felony criminal charges alleging conspiracy to procure unlawful voting and conspiracy to commit forgery. Of the original 94 defendants who filled out registration forms, 64 people accepted offers to plead guilty to misdemeanors, instead of facing trials on felony forgery charges. Another 17 criminal cases, including the charges against Jacobson, are pending, while 14 cases were dismissed	Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minn. June 10, 2005	

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				1				Yes	Minneapolis	Minnesota	17-Oct-04	presidential	A former ACORN official arrested for running a stop sign had 300 voter registration forms, some of them months old, in his trunk. State law requires they be submitted to the secretary of state within 10 days.	Atlanta Journal Constitution				
		Local		9				Yes	St. Louis	Missouri	7-Mar-01	city	St. Louis Prosecutor Jennifer Joyce convened a grand jury that is investigating 3,800 suspect voter registration cards, including several for dead aldermen. The cards were turned in Feb. 7, the deadline to register voters. Joyce said there have been no indictments.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Nine people are slated to be indicted today on charges of collecting or de-stroying 3,800 bogus voter registration cards that were submitted to the St. Louis Election Board on Feb. 7, 2001, the last day for registering to vote in the hotly contested mayoral primary in March. Nine people have been indicted for trying to register fraudulent voters and destroy the evidence. State registration forms now are numbered and a record is kept of which cards have gone to which groups for voter registration drives. The fake registrations are linked to four temporary workers who had been employed by ACORN.	11/7/2003, St. Louis Post Dispatch	11/11/2003, St. Louis Post Dispatch
		Federal		3				Yes	St. Louis	Missouri	17-Apr-01	presidential general election and mayoral primary	FBI subpoenas election board records on all people who registered to vote, cast ballots, was turned away at the polls, or whose voter registration was rejected from October 1 [2000] through March 6 [2001]; Senator Bond calls for further investigations because his office learned from state election officials that 24,000 registered voters in the city and 33,000 voters in the county were registered to vote somewhere else	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Three workers are charged with turning in fraudulent voter registration applications a few weeks before the mayoral primary	St. Louis Post-Dispatch (March 5, 2002)	
						6			St. Louis	Missouri	17-Dec-04	mayoral	Six plead guilty to dozens of crimes involving falsifying voter registration forms ("6 plead guilty in vote fraud case")	St. Louis Post Dispatch		Prosecutor says all the cards were caught and no one voted illegally	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	
Yes		Federal						Yes		Nevada	17-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats said Voters Outreach of America, a Republican funded registration group run by Sprouls & Associates, destroyed Democratic voter registration forms. A former employee of the group told a Nevada TV station that registrations collected from Democrats had been destroyed instead of filed with the elections office. The head of the company denied the accusations	Atlanta Journal Constitution				

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								Yes	Clark County	Nevada	31-Oct-04	presidential	Voting Registrar Lomax said he found that canvassers returned stacks of 1,000 completed registration forms that often contained 30 to 50 applications filled out in the same handwriting. Lomax had no total figure for such fraudulent registrations. He also found that canvassers registered the same individuals several times over the span of a week. Some legitimately registered voters called to ask why they were getting registration forms--with their party affiliation changed, Lomax said. Apparently some canvassers went through the phone book and reregistered people without their consent, listing their parties incorrectly, Lomax said. Though registration drive organizers told Lomax's office that canvassers were paid by the hour, many canvassers told his staff and even provided pay stubs that showed they were paid \$2 for every completed registration form they collected in malls, stores and neighborhoods, Lomax said. "They were on both sides. It wasn't just Democrats, it wasn't just Republicans," Lomax said. "The money was clearly the root of all evil here. They were paying people to register the voters. And the people doing this were way down the economic scale, and they wanted their money and they were just filling in forms.	Chicago Tribune				
		Federal						Yes		New Mexico	10-Sep-04		US Attorney forms a task force after finding two teenagers registered to vote	Albuquerque Journal				
Yes								Yes	Bernalillo County	New Mexico	15-Sep-04	presidential	Three Republican candidates want to examine all voter registration forms submitted by a woman who, while working for a group that signs up new voters, registered a 13-year-old New Mexico boy.	AP				
		BOE					BOE finding	Yes		New York	19-Sep-02	gubernatorial	Dead voters were among the thousands of flawed voter registrations submitted by campaign workers of Governor Pataki during an enrollment drive, New York City officials determined	Poughkeepsie Journal				
		Local						Yes	Bronx	New York	23-Jun-03	gubernatorial	Bronx DA and a grand jury investigate whether Rikers Island supervisors filled out registration cards in the names of inmates (such inmates are eligible to vote)	Newsday				
									Queens	New York	15-Sep-04	state assembly	About 100 people in the Flushing area gave commercial addresses on voter registration forms, raising suspicion at polling sites yesterday that may cast a shadow over the assembly race.	Newsday				
									Greensboro	North Carolina	6-Dec-01		Imtiaz Ahmed Siddiqui pleaded guilty Thursday to voter fraud in a brief federal court hearing that included no mention of the allegation that he may be acquainted with terrorists. Siddiqui, 31, answering questions in halting English, admitted he signed a voter registration form that identified him as a U.S. citizen when he got a driver's license in Durham in August. He is a citizen of Pakistan.	AP				

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		State						Yes	Charlotte	North Carolina	24-Oct-04	presidential	Officials are investigating ACORN because an ACORN organizer found that one of its workers had faked about 70 registrations. The worker was fired and the information turned over to the state board. A similar problem with a consumer interest group in Wake County has also been turned over to state officials	Charlotte Observer				
							BOE and DMV find small # of questionable registrations			North Carolina	24-Oct-04		The Charlotte Observer found more than 60,000 people who appear to be registered in both Carolinas. Alamance County Sheriff says illegal immigrants are registering to vote using false documents at drivers license offices. North Carolina is investigating two groups that may have falsely registered new voters. Some are worried that noncitizens could vote because in North Carolina one can get a drivers license without a social security number. The Elections division and the DMV ran two checks of people who received drivers licenses without proof of citizenship and found only a handful who had registered to vote.	AP				
								Yes	Mecklenburg County	North Carolina	28-Sep-05		Mecklenburg County commissioner Bill James and Libertarian Lewis Guignard formally challenged the registration of more than 400 homeless voters Tuesday, saying they had improperly registered using commercial addresses. James and Guignard said the 464 voters challenged in their complaint incorrectly used the addresses of the Urban Ministries at 945 N. College St., the Charlotte Rescue Mission at 907 W. First St. or the Salvation Army at 534 Spratt St. to register, even though those are commercial addresses where the voters could not permanently live.	Charlotte Observer				
								Yes	Cincinnati	Ohio	20-Aug-03	city council	More than 70 people have claimed a Walnut Hills tailoring shop as their home address while registering to vote, leading the Hamilton County Board of Elections to subpoena the tailor, who is a candidate for Cincinnati City Council.	Cincinnati Enquirer				
				1				Yes	Franklin	Ohio	8-Sep-04	presidential	A part-time worker for ACORN was indicted for falsely filling out and signing a voter registration card	Columbus Dispatch				
		BOE/State		1				Yes		Ohio	15-Oct-04	presidential	In Hamilton County, the Board of Elections has subpoenaed 19 registered voters who elections officials don't believe exist. The Summit County Board of Elections in Akron has asked Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro to investigate 803 allegedly fraudulent voter-registration cards, many of which appeared to be in the same handwriting. In Lake County, east of Cleveland, several voter-registration cards seem to have forged signatures, elections officials say.	Cincinnati Enquirer		An Akron woman was charged with filling out false registration cards. She may be the only person to face criminal charges after a yearlong state and federal investigation. A task force of state, federal and local investigators was launched last year after hundreds of fake registrations were apparently filed throughout Ohio. The investigation resulted in no federal indictments. The two fake registration cards traced to the woman were turned in by Project Vote and not submitted to the Board because the organization thought they were suspicious.	11/8/2005	Akron Beacon Journal

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		Joint State/local/federal		1				Yes		Ohio	20-Oct-04	presidential	State GOP Chair says that the party tried to contact 231,834 new registrants in the five largest counties and had 5.7% returned as undeliverable.	Columbus Dispatch		An Akron woman was charged with filling out false registration cards. She may be the only person to face criminal charges after a yearlong state and federal investigation. A task force of state, federal and local investigators was launched last year after hundreds of fake registrations were apparently filed throughout Ohio. The investigation resulted in no federal indictments. The two fake registration cards traced to the woman were turned in by Project Vote and not submitted to the Board because the organization thought they were suspicious.	8-Nov-05	Akron Beacon Journal
				1				Yes	Defiance	Ohio	31-Oct-04	presidential	The sheriff arrested a man for submitting 130 phony registration forms with such names as Mary Poppins and Dick Tracy. Authorities say he confessed to being paid in crack cocaine by an NAACP volunteer.	Dallas Morning News			11/8/2005	Akron Beacon Journal
		Unknown						Yes	Parma	Ohio	9-Jan-05	presidential	Three police officers are being investigated on accusations that they listed police headquarters as their home addresses when registering for the Nov. 2 election, officials said.	AP				
		State						Yes		Oregon	17-Oct-04	presidential	The Secretary of State announced an investigation into allegations that a paid canvasser with Sproul & Associates had been told to register only Republicans. The head of the organization denied the accusations.	Atlanta Journal Constitution				
										Oregon	30-Oct-04	presidential	In interviews, students at Mt. Hood and Chemeketa community colleges, Western Oregon University and the University of Oregon all told similar stories: They were approached on campus and asked to sign a petition, often urging lower auto-mobile insurance rates for students, and then asked to sign or initial a second document, which turned out to be a voter registration card. Many of the students were urged to mark Republican as their party affiliation; others were told to leave the party affiliation section blank but to put their initials next to Republican on that part of the form. Many of the students already were registered voters. Some students didn't realize they were registering to vote, or that their party affiliation was about to change. Nathan Sproul, whose company conducted the registration drive, did not respond to calls seeking comment. His firm has been accused of using similar tactics involving bogus petitions at colleges in Pennsylvania, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. In an earlier interview with The Oregonian, Sproul confirmed that his canvassers are paid a "bounty" of extra money for registering Republicans but said he did not think that was a problem.	Newhouse News Service				

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Yes									Pennsylvania		25-Oct-04	presidential	Republicans mailed letters to 130,000 people who had registered to vote in the last 6 months. 10,000 came back as undeliverable. The legal counsel to the state party said Republicans had looked at a sample of the letters and found 15 of 100 of the registrants were dead. The director of a nonpartisan organization says in a transient city many people may have moved over a six month period, and many letters might not have reached people living in shelters or substandard housing.	Philadelphia Inquirer				
		County					Yes		Allegheny	Pennsylvania	28-Oct-04	presidential	County investigators have launched an investigation into a scam in which University of Pittsburgh and Community College of Allegheny County students believed they were signing petitions to legalize marijuana for medical use, only to find themselves registered as Republicans.	Pittsburgh Tribune Review				
				4			Yes		East Providence	Rhode Island	20-Aug-05	town primary	Four people charged with using business addresses to register to vote	Pawtucket Times				
		Unknown		7			Yes		East Providence	Rhode Island	2-Dec-05	municipal	Nine people are accused of registering at business addresses. Charges against two are dropped because they did not sign the registration cards. Three other defendants have been invited to apply to the adult diversion program. Arraignments were postponed for four others. October 30, 2004: As many as 287 people were originally suspected.	Providence Journal				
				1			Yes		Rapid City	South Dakota	19-Oct-02	unclear	forged registration applications by a worker being paid by the application	Argus Leader		one indictment on five counts of forgery	Argus Leader	
		Unknown					Yes			South Dakota	21-Oct-02	statewide	Several counties, almost all of them adjoining an American Indian reservation, submit questionable registration forms to law enforcement	Argus Leader		Red Earth Villeda, a contractor for the Democratic Party, is investigated. SEE SOUTH DAKOTA SUMMARY	Argus Leader	
						1			Rapid City	South Dakota	12-Jul-03	unclear	Individual reaches plea agreement for falsifying registration cards	Midwest News				
						1			Codington	South Dakota	28-Jul-04		A Phoenix man accused of forging voter registration forms in Codington County has been sentenced to prison. Howard L. Brewer, 44, pleaded guilty last month to three counts of forgery. He was charged after the county auditor's office received an envelope in April that contained 20 voter registrations. Eight to 10 of the forms were suspicious.	AP				
		County					Yes		Harris	Texas	5-Feb-05	state legislature	County Tax Assessor-Collector alleges 157 registered had false addresses. County officials are investigating	Houston Chronicle				
				1					Prince William	Virginia	5-May-05	state legislature	Candidate charged with lying on a registration card and voting in a district where he did not reside.	Washington Times				

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Yes									Milwaukee	Wisconsin	31-Oct-04	presidential	Citing a new list of more than 37,000 questionable addresses, the state Republican Party demanded that city officials require identification from all of those voters. If the city doesn't, the party says it is prepared to have volunteers challenge each individual -- including thousands who might be missing an apartment number on their registration -- at the polls. Democrats say this is a last minute effort to suppress turnout by creating long delays at the polls. This is in addition to the 5,619 bad addresses the party claimed. The state GOP chair said they had just focussed on Milwaukee because its voter list is a mess and cause for great alarm.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel				
		Unknown						Yes	Madison	Wisconsin	10-May-05	presidential	The vast majority of voters alleged to have been phantoms because their verification forms were returned as undeliverable really exist and their cards were returned because of innocent mistakes in filling out voter registration forms. Of 1,194 verification cards returned, 16 are still be examined	Wisconsin State Journal				
				2				Yes	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	11-May-05	presidential	Arrest warrants issued and felony charges filed against two workers for Project Vote who admitted to filling out multiple registration cards using fictitious information to earn money	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel				
				2					Milwaukee	Wisconsin	6-Dec-05	presidential	County DA charges two people affiliated with ACORN for filing false voter registrations	AP				

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Interview with Commissioner Harry Van Sickle and Deputy Chief Counsel to the Secretary of State Larry Boyle, State of Pennsylvania

March 1, 2006

As Commissioner Van Sickle has only been in office for about a year, Mr. Boyle answered most of our questions.

Fraud and Intimidation

Neither Van Sickle nor Boyle was aware of any fraud of any kind in the state of Pennsylvania over the last five years. They are not aware of the commission of any deceptive practices, such as flyers that intentionally misinform as to voting procedures. They also have never heard of any incidents of voter intimidation. With respect to the mayoral election of 2003, the local commission would know about that.

Since the Berks County case of 2003, where the Department of Justice found poll workers who treated Latino voters with hostility among other voting rights violations, the Secretary's office has brought together Eastern Pennsylvania election administrators and voting advocates to discuss the problems. As a result, other counties have voluntarily chosen to follow the guidance of the Berks County federal court order.

Regarding the allegations of fraud that surrounded the voter identification debate, Mr. Boyle said was not aware of any instances of fraud involving identity. He believes this is because Pennsylvania has laws in place to prevent this. For example, in 2002 the state legislature passed an ID law that is stricter than HAVA's – it requires all first time voters to present identification. In addition, the SURE System – the state's statewide voter registration database – is a great anti-fraud mechanism. The system will be in place statewide in the May 2006 election.

In addition, the state took many steps before the 2004 election to make sure it would be smooth. They had attorneys in the counties to consult on problems as well as staff at the central office to take calls regarding problems. In addition, in 2004 the state used provisional ballots for the first time. This resolved many of the problems that used to occur on Election Day.

Mr. Boyle is not aware of any voter registration fraud. This is because when someone registers to vote, the administrator does a duplicate check. In addition, under new laws a person registering to vote must provide their drivers license or Social Security number which are verified through the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Social Security Administration. Therefore, it would be unlikely that someone would be able to register to vote falsely.

Process

Most problems are dealt with at the local level and do not come within the review of the Secretary of State's office. For instance, if there is a complaint of intimidation, this is generally dealt with by the county courts which are specially designated solely to election cases on

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Election Day. The Secretary does not keep track of these cases. Since the passage of NVRA and HAVA counties will increasingly call the office when problems arise.

Recommendations

Mr. Boyle suggested we review the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Election Reform Task Force which is on the Secretary's website. Many of those recommendations have been introduced in the legislature.

Interview with Craig Donsanto, Director, Public Integrity Section, U.S. Department of Justice

January 13, 2006

Questions

How are Prosecution Decisions Made?

Craig Donsanto must approve all investigations that go beyond a preliminary stage, all charges, search warrant applications and subpoenas and all prosecutions. The decision to investigate is very sensitive because of the public officials involved. If a charge seems political, Donsanto will reject it. Donsanto gives possible theories for investigation. Donsanto and Noel Hillman will decide whether to farm out the case to an AUSA. Donsanto uses a concept called predication. In-other-words, there must be enough evidence to suggest a crime has been committed. The method of evaluation of this evidence depends on the type of evidence and its source. There are two types of evidence---factual (antisocial behavior) and legal (antisocial behavior leading to statutory violations). Whether an indictment will be brought depends on the likelihood of success before a jury. Much depends on the type of evidence and the source. Donsanto said he "knows it when he sees it." Donsanto will only indict if he is confident of a conviction assuming the worst case scenario – a jury trial.

A person under investigation will first receive a target letter. Often, a defendant who gets a target letter will ask for a departmental hearing. The defendant's case will be heard by Donsanto and Hillman. On occasion, the assistant attorney general will review the case. The department grants such hearings easily because such defendants are likely to provide information about others involved.

The Civil Rights Division, Voting Rights Section makes its own decisions on prosecution. The head of that division is John Tanner. There is a lot of cooperation between

Does the Decision to Prosecute Incorporate Particular Political Considerations within a State Such as a One Party System or a System in which the Party in Power Controls the Means of Prosecution and Suppresses Opposition Complaints?

Yes. Before, the department would leave it to the states. Now, if there is racial animus involved in the case, there is political bias involved, or the prosecutor is not impartial, the department will take it over.